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LIAM FANS SHOW THE WAY IN FUNDRAISING FOR YOUTH ZONE

1D's Liam Payne at The Way

INTERNATIONAL fans of Liam Payne are being urged to support a community centre in Wolverhampton by donating money ahead of the One Direction star's 23rd birthday.

The Wolverhampton-born singer, who recently signed to Capitol records as a solo artist, has become the subject of a new fundraising campaign by his fans, who are donating money towards The Way Youth Zone.

The donations are in honour of Payne's 23rd birthday, with his fans creating a special Just Giving page to show their support.

The youth centre, located on School Street has been supported by Payne since its inception, when he attended a special ceremony to celebrate the roof being placed on the building in April last year.

Speaking at the time of the roof being unveiled on the building, Payne said: "Wolverhampton is my home town and I am keen to give something back to the city that gave me a start in life.

"I can identify with a project like this that addresses the needs of young people and with my own interests in sport, music and drama I am passionate about this exciting project."

Potential

He added: "Over the years, I have been lucky to have positive role models who encouraged, supported and inspired me and all young people deserve to have similar opportunities, which will help them reach their full potential."

Now, the centre hopes it can encourage Payne's fans to get involved by giving what they can towards the good cause. Writing on the JustGiving Page, Payne's fans stated: "Liam Payne has done so much for fans so we the fans would like to give back. In honour of his 23rd birthday, we are collecting donations for the Way Youth Zone in Wolverhampton, a purpose-built facility for the city's young people aged 8-19 (and up to 25 for those with disabilities). You can read all about our latest efforts at 1dfansgive.com"

Cheryl Garvey, CEO of The Way Wolverhampton Youth Zone, said: "It's amazing that this group of Liam Payne and One Direction fans have decided to raise money for The Way Youth Zone. They've raised over $1,000 [£588] already between them which is an incredible achievement."

For more information on the campaign to support The Way, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liampayne23

Devastated parents speak over loss of 'happy chap'

WE WILL NEVER FORGET OUR MJ

Report by Lisa Wright

THE heartbroken parents of a three-year-old boy killed in a Wolverhampton street say they are 'devastated' at the loss of their 'happy chap'.

Matthew Junior Rowland George Maybin, known as MJ, died on Saturday afternoon after being knocked down at The Scotlands.

His distraught parents have this week paid tribute to their son who they said everyone 'fell in love with'. The tragedy unfolded just before 3.50pm on Keats Road.

His mother, Vicky Maybin, said the horror that would change their lives happened in a 'split second'. The 30-year-old said: "I was in the kitchen doing the kids' tea when Matthew [MJ's father] came round to see the children after work.

Neighbours

"I don't know how he got out of the house. He has gone for the door and all I have heard is a big thud and he is in the middle of the road.

"Everybody is distraught, everybody is devastated, it was just a complete accident."

MJ's father, Matthew Brough said: "He must have run round the back of the van.

"He wasn't a three-year-old kid that plays in the street. He isn't allowed in the street and whenever he has played in the street I was always there with him."

His parents rushed to his aid and nearby neighbours rushed to help, including Debbie Woodley who performed CPR, but sadly nothing could be done to save the youngster. Matthew, aged 28, described MJ, who was incredibly close to his two sisters Brodie, nine, and Lola-May, six, as 'full of life' and said he was looking forward to starting nursery in September.

"He would light up everybody's life when he met them," he said.

"Anybody that met him fell in love with him, that's why he has got so many tributes because everybody did love him, he was a happy chap. He was a proper mummy's boy. He loved to kick a football and loved to play with his sisters." As well as his favourite Paw Patrol, the youngster, who had just finished Terrific Twos at Low Hill Nursery and was set to start at Bushbury Hill Nursery next month, loved his flashing frog wellies, and was affectionately called the 'welly boy' by his family. His favourite cuddly toy was a wolf called Bill.

The tragedy has had even deeper impact on the family as it was a relative driving the Transit Tipper van involved. Matthew, who lives in Fourth Avenue, Low Hill, said: "We are not going to let this rip the family apart, we are going to grow stronger, we will come together as one.

"It's unimaginable what life is going to be like without him, but as long as we've got our family by our side we will all pull together. We will never get over him."

Dozens of floral tributes, teddy bears and balloons have been left at the scene by well-wishers on Keats Road.

A family's favourite pic of the youngster

Floral tributes to the three-year-old boy are left at the scene of the tragedy in Keats Road

BLAZE

Arson probe in fire at haulage base

A BLAZE which destroyed lorries after ripping through a haulage yard in Wolverhampton is being treated as arson, police say.

More than 50 firefighters tackled the blaze at Majors Service Ltd in Hickman Avenue. Emergency crews were called at around 1.45am on Monday.

Wrecked lorries which had been destroyed by the fierce flames were left at the scene in the aftermath.

The company hit by the fire provides road haulage services in and around Wolverhampton. It is located in the Old Chillington Works, on the industrial estate off Willenhall Road. Anyone with information is urged to call West Midlands Police on 101.

BODY

No suspicion over death, say police

POLICE say the death of a woman whose body was found in Bridgnorth is not being treated as suspicious. It is thought to be that of a missing Wolverhampton teenager.

The woman, believed to be aged 18, was found at around 10.15am on Friday near to High Rock. Formal identification is yet to take place.

West Mercia Police have referred the case to the coroner. Her family have been informed and are being supported.

EXAMS

Another record year for A-Level results

STUDENTS in Wolverhampton look set to have recorded their best ever post-16 exam results – for the eighth year running.

The city's education boss, Councillor Claire Darke, said results were expected to have improved on those from 2015.

She said: "It seems as though young people in Wolverhampton have performed very well in their post-16 exams.

"I'd like to congratulate students – as well as their schools, teachers and parents – for their hard work over the last two years and I hope they are looking forward to their next move."

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Cuts to rail services 'unacceptable'

Wolverhampton station

PROPOSALS to cut the number of inter-city trains at stations like Wolverhampton are 'wholly unacceptable' West Midlands transport chiefs have told the Government.

The idea to reduce services at the station, as well as at Birmingham International and Sandwell and Dudley, has been suggested in a Department for Transport (DfT) consultation on how the next franchise for the West Coast Main Line could operate.

The reduced services are among options put forward in the DfT's Inter City West Coast (ICWC) franchise consultation. They are aimed at increasing capacity on the line, speeding up journey times for long distance passengers and improving the region's services to London and Scotland after the existing franchise, which is held by Virgin Trains, expires in 2018.

But Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), part of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), has now sent a formal response to Government opposing the option and setting out its own suggestions for meeting rising passenger demand.

TfWM warns that reducing inter-city services to the stations would damage the West Midlands economy and make it almost impossible to commute between some of the region's key cities.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, transport lead on the WMCA, said: "While we recognise the pressing need to squeeze more capacity out of the existing line it should not come at the expense of fewer inter-city services at key West Midlands stations. That would be wholly unacceptable.

"Nevertheless, we need to meet rising passenger numbers and support economic growth until the arrival of HS2."

Crowd fund appeal for homes-crisis veterans

A CROWD-FUNDING scheme has been launched to help ex-servicemen who are facing an uncertain future with the impending closure of a home in Wolverhampton for veterans.

The city council and the Royal British Legion have come forward to help the men find alternative accommodation. A veterans' charity in Salisbury has also offered support.

The crowd-funding scheme, set up last week quickly raised hundreds of pounds. Started by friends of one of the veterans, it aims to raise £5,000 to help the men make the transition into civilian life.

It comes after Stonham Homegroup at Roland Elcock House, East Park, announced funding for the project had run out and it was closing.

Support

It meant that 12 ex-servicemen, some of whom served in the Gulf War and have mental health issues and physical problems, have been left with no homes or access to vital support services. Four of the veterans from the Barnfield Road site are yet to find a new place to live.

Pat Mc Fadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, and Councillor Anwen Muston, who represents East Park, have applauded the crowd-funding move.

Councillor Muston said: "It's a good idea because they need help. It's scandalous what is happening to them."

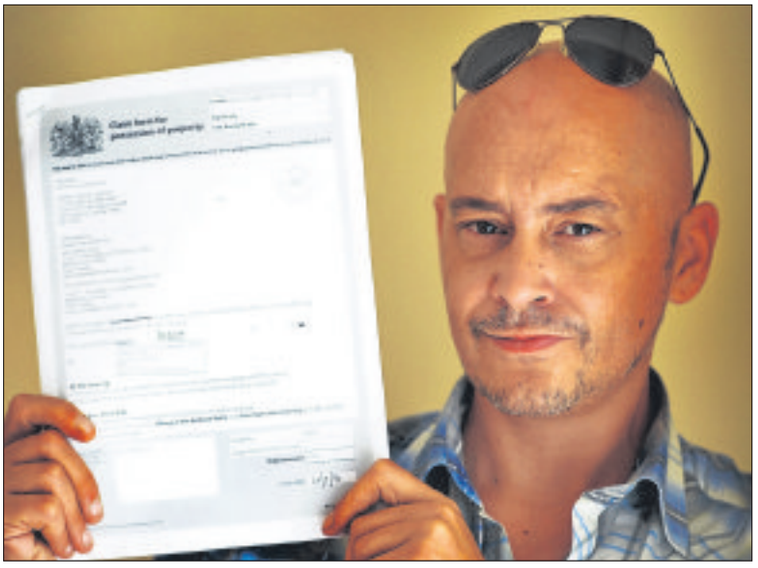
But Mr McFadden warned that the former soldiers need accommodation that supports their health issues.

"Many of them are deeply traumatised by their experience of serving in the armed services, and they need a proper package of support which begins with accommodation but must include much more," he said.

A Royal British Legion spokesman said: "I can confirm the RBL have been involved in the project from establishment and are now in the process of assisting veterans and offering support." The city council said it was working with Wolverhampton Homes to 'do everything we can to support the individuals affected by the closure.'

For crowd funding page go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fleur-patten?utm_id=107&utm_term=4krzqdAKW

Homeless fear for ex-serviceman


British Army veteran Craig Cox, who has been served with a repossession order

AN ex-serviceman who faces becoming homeless with the closure of a home for veterans has been served with a repossession order after falling behind with the rent.

Craig Cox, who lives in Roland Elcock House in Wolverhampton, was served the notice by Home Group, which runs the veterans' accommodation.

The centre is to shut after bosses said funding had run out.

Father-of-three Mr Cox, aged 42, from Oldbury, is due to appear at Wolverhampton County Court over a £1,264 debt. He was also warned he is liable for £350 fees.

Mr Cox, who served with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in the first Gulf War, Bosnia and Northern Ireland, suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He has a brain injury caused by the fall-out from a 4,000lb IRA bomb which detonated near his army base in Newry. He moved into the £1.26 million supported-living veterans' accommodation in May last year, eight months after it opened. The centre was funded by £262,000 grant from the Forces in Mind Trust, which has run dry.

The bulk of his rent was paid by the trust, but he was required to top it up by £14 a week from his benefits. He said he had not had the help needed to make the transition to civilian life.

Tax dodge carpet fitter has to pay back £110k

A TAX dodging carpet fitter managed to evade jail by paying £110,000 to the Inland Revenue. This was £26,000 more than the £84,000 he pocketed during the 13-year-long fiddle, to cover interest accrued on the debt.

Keith Bradburn did not submit a self-assessment form for the financial years 2001 and 2014, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Revenue and Customs officials failed to spot this – despite him being registered for tax – and the fraud was only uncovered when they checked the affairs of Trinity Carpets, one of the firms for which the 48-year-old worked.

Mr David Craig, prosecuting, said: "They found a number of invoices from the defendant and it was clear no records of his tax returns had been kept."

Bradburn ignored letters and voicemail messages left by investigators who discovered he had a large amount of savings. He was arrested on May 28 last year and a search of his home in Long Furrow, Pendeford unearthed a box with a neat bundle of paperwork inside. It contained invoices for his work and details of the expenses incurred but the record was not for his tax return, it had been prepared as proof of earnings for a mortgage application, the court heard.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said: "It is more a case of chaos rather than a criminally-minded deliberate offence."

Bradburn admitted tax fraud and was given a 20-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, with 100 hours unpaid work and £425 costs.

Make a mobile at sensory workshop

BABY and parent sensory discovery classes are taking place with the aim of creating a special mobile to take away.

The SCARF Little Treasures workshop takes place on October 27 at Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, from 11am to 12.15pm and from 1.15 to 2.30pm.

The session is suitable for babies up to 16-months-old and their carer. Participants will be able to explore a range of sensory materials with their child, as well as create a mobile or wall hanging to take home.

SCARF use all recycled and reclaimed materials in their sessions.

The session costs £5 per child and booking is required. Visit http://www.scarf4art.co.uk/events/ or call Laura Page on 01902 556 706.

Giff-Fest ready to rock city pub

A WOLVERHAMPTON city centre pub is holding a one day-rock festival on Sunday from 12 noon.

Giff-Fest 2016 is at the Giffard Arms in Victoria Street. Bands include Theia, Rock Revolve, Black Rose Cadillac and The Bad Flowers. Entry is £5.

Building to make way for housing development

A FORMER community centre could be bulldozed to make way for housing.

The Woden Community Resource Centre in Wolverhampton will be razed to the ground to accommodate the homes. Work to pull down the site, on Vicarage Road, will start in December. The building was formerly used as a residential and resource centre, but is now vacant.

City of Wolverhampton County Council has employed Jacobs to tear down the centre.

The building is currently arranged with four accommodation zones served off a central hub which includes reception, staff offices, kitchen, restaurant and staff changing.

It is surrounded by housing to the east, south and west, with a school playing field to the north.

The planning document states: "The site has been earmarked for demolition to make way for general needs housing, subject to planning consent. The building is vacant and it is anticipated that demolition works will commence in December 2016."

The document also addresses the issue of security and claims there will be no risk of theft, vandalism or rough sleeping.

It states: "The demolition of the building will remove the risk of theft, vandalism and rough sleeping.

"Upon completion of the demolition and site clearance a new 1.5m high earth bund will be installed at the entrance to the site, to prevent trespass and fly tipping."

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Plans approved for campus bank

A BANK will be put in place at a University of Wolverhampton campus. Santander is set to set up the branch for students and staff.

A change of use application for the part of the building, in the MD Block, in Wulfruna Street, was backed by Wolverhampton Council planners.

Planning documents submitted to the authority said: "Santander intends to occupy the unit in order to provide banking services to the university's staff and students. It is proposed that the unit will accommodate a banking hall, two quiet rooms, a 24-hour lobby area, an admin area and an ATM room with two new ATMs.

"The proposed bank would provide a key ancillary service for the university community."

Pair deny causing injury to child

A MAN and woman from Wolverhampton denied causing serious injury to a child when they appeared at court.Luke Davis, from Merridale Street, Penn Fields, and Cylyna Fedynych, of Cannock Road, were bailed.

Taser petition after death of Villa legend

Dalian Atkinson with Ron Atkinson

A POST mortem has been carried out on ex-Villa footballer Dalian Atkinson who died after being tasered by police – as more than 50,000 signed a petition calling for a review of the police use of tasers. An inquest was due to be opened on the 48-year-old ex-striker yesterday (Wednesday).

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is carrying out an investigation into his death after he was tasered while visiting his father in Telford.

Meanwhile, an online petition has attracted huge support in just days. Thousands of people signed the petition every hour, calling for Prime Minister Theresa May to launch an urgent review into the use of police tasers. It was launched by father-of-three Jason Jackson, from London, who has called into question the issue of race. He said: "Theresa May, when home secretary, had previously raised concerns about the use of tasers. Now as prime minister she should take immediate action.

"I am calling on Theresa May to hold an urgent review of tasers and the medical implications of their use."

It comes as a charity which supports former footballers said it had been contacted by Dalian's family shortly before his death. Xpro was set up to help former professional footballers who have found the transition to normal life a difficult one.

Charity chief executive Geoff Scott said the call was logged and put into diary for a follow-up but said it was important not to speculate too much on his state of mind. He added it was common for the charity to be contacted by concerned family members, rather than the player themselves.

Jail term after would-be robber slips up at bank

A SERIAL criminal, who backed a loser when he tried to rob a bank armed with a betting slip, has begun a lengthy prison sentence.

Jason Philips scribbled a warning on the back of the piece of paper in which he claimed to have a nail bomb and gun, a judge heard.

The 35-year-old passed the note over the front counter to a female staff member at Lloyds Bank in High Street, Sedgley after waiting until there were no other customers left in the branch, Miss Sally Hancox, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

But the move backfired when the teller showed the message to the other cashiers on duty. They all followed a security drill, stood up and walked into a rear office, leaving the hapless robber alone and empty-handed.

Miss Hancox said: "He never made eye contact with the cashier. He just gave her a Corals betting slip on which he had written: 'You have got ten seconds. Be discreet and place the money in the bag. I have a nail bomb and a gun. My life has no value, so make no mistake.'

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"She quickly moved into a security drill, alerting colleagues on the front counter as to what was going on by showing them the content of the note. They all got up from their chairs and left in a swift and professional way."

Philips, who had pushed a carrier bag into the cash tray in expectation of it being filled with money and was 'off his head' on cocaine, was forced to turn on his heel and leave.

Police shown CCTV of the incident recognised the culprit who had previous convictions involving 172 offences and was arrested in Kidderminster on July 20. His fingerprints were found on the betting slip and carrier bag that he left behind.

Mr Gareth Morley, defending, said: "He accepts that his behaviour caused shock, distress and fear but it was doomed to fail. His criminal record made arrest inevitable even if he had got away with some money."

Philips, from Hunton Road, Erdington, had been jailed for three years nine months in February 2012 for robberies on supermarkets in Wombourne, Wordsley and Sedgley during which £320 was taken from tills. He asked for 13 other offences to be taken into consideration. He pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and was jailed for three years four months.

Delight as students make grade

Wolverhampton Grammar School students celebrate their A-level success

THE moment of truth arrived for thousands of students across the Black Country and Staffordshire as they celebrated another bumper crop of A-level results.

Many schools and colleges saw their pass rates rise and around the region and happy teenagers were all smiles as they secured places at university.

More than a third of sixth formers at Tettenhall College achieved top grades of A*, A or B in one to three subjects.

Stand-out performances included German pupil Chiara Wilke, with A* and two As, while head girl Chloe Fisher will be heading to Warwick University after achieving an A and two Bs.

Wolverhampton Grammar School sixth formers achieved an overall 99 per cent pass rate with more than a third achieving the coveted A* or A grades in one to three subjects. 90 per cent of all A level passes were at grades A* to C.

A record numbers of students have been offered university places, as the latest A-level results showed the gap between boys and girls achieving the very top grades has narrowed for the first time in five years.

Boys continued to earn more A*, with 8.5 per cent achieving the very top grade – although this is down from 8.7 per cent last year, contrary to some predictions.

Girls' results also dropped, with 7.7 per cent getting an A* compared to 7.8 per cent in 2015.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former detective dies at age 69

A CRICKET stalwart from Wombourne has died following a short illness. John Crow was 69 when he died on August 7 at New Cross Hospital. He died from an aggressive form of cancer, just three weeks after he went into hospital.

His wife of 36 years Joyce, 71, paid tribute to her late husband who was a detective sergeant for Staffordshire Police. She said: "He was outgoing, spoke his mind, and was a very conscientious police officer."

He also leaves behind daughters Rachel and Nicola and son Simon.

New additions to cast of Aladdin

BRITAIN'S Got Talent's Lucy Kay and magician Stefan Pejic have been added to the line-up of Wolverhampton Grand Theatre's pantomime.

Soprano Kay will play Princess Jasmine in Aladdin and illusionist Pejic will play the evil sorcerer, Abanazar.

They will join Joe McElderry as Aladdin, Lisa Riley as Slave of the Ring, CBeebies' Ben Faulks as the Chief of the Peking Police, Doreen Tipton as the Lazy Empress of China and Ian Adams as Widow Twankey.

Aladdin runs from December 10-January 22.

Dates for Business Week announced

THIS year's Business Week in Wolverhampton will run from September 26-30. It will include a programme of activities that aim to support the city's businesses and economic growth.

The key event of the week is the annual business breakfast which will be held on September 29.

To register for the breakfast, email businessweek@wolverhampton.gov.uk or for the full programme of events visit www.investwolverhampton.com/bizweek

Inquest verdict on car crash man, 22

A 22-YEAR-OLD man died as a result of a tragic car crash, an inquest has concluded.

Adam Tranter died after a silver Seat Leon vehicle overturned in Pendeford, Wolverhampton on June 12.

A family tribute put out by his sister described Adam as the 'perfect' brother.

An inquest held at Black Country Coroners Court concluded Mr Tranter, of Green Lane Aldersley, died as a result of a road traffic collision.

New shop opens up

A NEW shop has opened at the Wulfrun Centre creating eight jobs. Yours Clothing, which specialises in plus-size fashions is the latest store to open at the centre.

It follows hearing aid specialists Amplifon and fast-food restaurant Burger King.

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AND off to the hairdresser's where the lad in the next seat is telling the barber how to turn him into a Peaky Blinder. Razor-cut up the neck, clippers up the back of the head and a mop of unkempt hair to top it off. It is a shame no-one has told him that he's never going to look like a Peaky Blinder because he hasn't got a face like Cillian Murphy.

Sure enough, the lad emerges from the barber's looking nothing like a 1930s Birmingham gangster but resembling a roughly-uprooted carrot plant. There are a lot of them about.

WHY so many daft haircuts? Presumably so that when the kids report for school next month they can fulfil that ancient English tradition of being sent home again. You can feel it in the air like the gathering chill of autumn. Stupid kids with stupid haircuts and stupid parents bleating about their human rights. Another school year approaches and with it the old, old question. Who'd be a teacher?

THE independent inquiry into child abuse now has its fourth chairwoman, Alexis Jay. It has yet to hear a single word of evidence and could last for up to 12 years. I cannot help wondering how long the late, great News of the World would have taken to interview the witnesses and name and shame the guilty. Six months max?

OWN up. Did you not punch the air with joy at the report of a judge subjecting a thuggish defendant to a taste of his own foul language? "You're a bit of a ****," John Hennigan told Judge Patricia Lynch at Chelmsford Crown Court. "You are a bit of a **** yourself," replied the judge. "Go **** yourself!" exclaimed Hennigan. "You, too," responded the judge.

So far, so good. A fat slob who racially abused a woman and her children gets sent down with some Anglo-Saxon language ringing in his ears. And then someone complained. They always do, don't they? In this case an unspecified number of complaints has been made to the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office. Judge Lynch may be disciplined.

And that will satisfy the sort of silly, dangerous people who believe that justice is never fully served until a villain is exonerated and a law enforcer is punished. There is a word for such people but I'm running out of asterisks.

I TAKE the same view of allotments that I do of steam railways and vintage cars. I'm always glad that other people are looking after them.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Learning about art of conservation

A MULTI-MILLION pound re-development scheme will offer a number of free training courses in Wolverhampton next month.

As part of the Queen Street Gateway Townscape Heritage Scheme, in collaboration with the City of Wolverhampton College, conservation skills training days have been organised. The courses are open to all and are particularly aimed at local building contractors, building professionals and students interested in embarking on a career in these areas.

Owners of property within the city centre and adjoining conservation areas and interested members of the local community are also invited.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Cabinet Member for City Assets, said: "An important part of the Queen Street Gateway Townscape Heritage Scheme is community engagement to highlight these wonderful historic buildings in our city.

"The training days are free and really bring home the vast array of traditional skills involved in restoring these properties.

"As a council, preserving the rich heritage and conservation areas in the city is as important to our regeneration plans as the millions of pounds being invested in new development."

The Queen Street Gateway Townscape Heritage Scheme was officially launched in March on the back of a grant of £864,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

To reserve a place contact John Healey on 01902 554007 or e-mail john.healey@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

Teenage thugs admit attack on football fan

By Nick Humphreys

FIVE thugs who left a football fan battered, bloodied and fighting for his life have pleaded guilty to their parts in the vicious crime.

Joseph Lister and Daniel Lloyd, both 19, and a youth who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Watford fan Nic Cruwys after Wolves' home clash against the Hornets on March 7 last year.

Victim –Nic Cruwys

Ryan Meer, 19, pleaded guilty to affray, and Robert Beech, also 19, pleaded not guilty to affray, but guilty to threatening behaviour, which was accepted by the Crown.

All five were acquitted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, after a trial which lasted almost two weeks. The guilty pleas of the men came after a CCTV gaffe by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Footage initially shown to barristers and to the jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court was a condensed resolution version that had been zoomed in on. But after barristers saw the original version, in which clothing of the attackers was clearer, they instructed the defendants to change their pleas.

Mr Cruwys was punched to the ground in Littles Lane, Wolverhampton, before more thugs laid into him while he was on the floor. He was left unconscious and ended up in a coma.

Lister, of Palmer Close, Wednesfield; Lloyd, of Longfellow Road, Sedgley; Meer, of Watling Street, Gailey; Beech, of Springhill Road, Wednesfield and the youth will all be sentenced on September 9 pending probation service reports. It is expected the 14-year-old who admitted grievous bodily harm with intent will be sentenced at the same time.

Judge Simon Ward told the five that they should prepare themselves for time behind bars. On the matter of the poor quality CCTV footage, Judge Ward added: "I am surprised and not at all impressed that this has come to light at such a late stage."

All five were bailed on the conditions that they do not attend any regulation football matches, do not go into Wolverhampton city centre between the hours of 10am-11pm on any day that Wolves are playing and don't travel to any city that Wolves are playing in that day.

Guilty – Robert Beech, aged 19

Guilty – Ryan Meer, aged 19

Guilty – Daniel Lloyd, aged 19

Guilty – Joseph Lister, aged 19

More than 500 stray dogs seized in one year

MORE than 500 stray dogs were seized in Wolverhampton last year alone, new figures have revealed.

The vast majority, 411, were seized by the council, a further 25 dogs were surrendered to council staff by the public and 11 were brought in by police.

In all, Wolverhampton Council dealt with 502 stray dogs in the last year. At the end of the period in question, April 1 this year, there were 15 stray dogs in kennels in the city.

Of the 502 dogs taken in across the city, 225 were reclaimed. A further 60 were returned directly to their owner without kennelling.

But 102 of the stray dogs were passed on to a welfare organisation or dog kennel for possible rehoming after owners failed to come forward, while 103 were put to sleep, 51 of which were due to behavioural problems or concerns about aggression.

A further 41 of those put to sleep were because of ill health. And 11 were put to sleep under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Also revealed following a Freedom of Information request to Wolverhampton Council was the number of the stray dogs considered to fall into the category of 'status' dogs – those whose looks or breed is thought to convey a particular impression of their owner and include bull breeds, Rottweilers, and Akitas.

Of the 502 stray dogs taken in over the year, 326 were thought to be status dog, 45 of those had to be put down because of aggression.

Car wash plans for old pub site

A CAR wash will be opened at a former pub if plans are approved.

The site of the Long Acres pub is on the corner of Dilloways Lane and Moseley Road, Wolverhampton.

The land is in the middle of a residential area, with a nearby row of four shops and a temple immediately facing onto Dilloways Lane.

Documents with the application state that the car wash would provide financial support to the temple by using its car park for some of its work.

The application says: "The only new work needed will be the proposed temporary open car valeting canopy."

If approved, the car wash will be operation for three years, with opening hours from 9am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and from 9am to 5pm on Sunday.

Record fair tunes up for return to city

A POPULAR record fair will return to Wolverhampton on Saturday.

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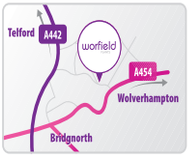

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Shortfall of funds hits hopes for theatre site

HOPES of reviving a plan to move into a derelict city centre building are scuppered by a funding shortfall, say Wolverhampton's Central Youth Theatre.

The group was set to benefit from £384,000 from the Arts Council to develop 10,000 sq ft of the former Co-operative Store building on Lichfield Street, creating a permanent home for the company.

But the YMCA Black Country Group then unveiled £6 million plans to transform the site into an arts centre and apartments, leaving the CYT having to hand back its grant after a deadline to use it exceeded.

Concerns

The plan by the YMCA, which is negotiating a deal to control development at the property, retains many features which had been sought by CYT but in a revised layout. And the homeless charity is keen for CYT to be included and has offered to meet the group's trustees.

CYT Director Jane Ward said a meeting may take place but concerns remained over funding having lost the Arts Council grant.

"The fact remains that at the moment we have lost the funding," she said. "That, for us, is a key problem. We may potentially meet with the YMCA again to hear their ideas but they would have to have better ideas to what they had previously.

"At the moment I am not confident we could secure the level of funding needed against the revised scheme."

Skills are taught via playscheme

A SUMMER play scheme aimed at developing children's literacy and numeracy skills is taking place in Wolverhampton.

Sessions are being run at the Aladdin's Tuition Centre, in Cannock Road, Park Village, until September 3. The sessions are suitable for those aged from five to ten years old and will teach literacy skills through drama, song, performance and poetry.

Sessions cost £5 per three hour session, from 10am to 1pm or 1-4pm or a full day of activities cost £9. There are discounts for siblings attending together.

Lunch can be bought for £1.50 per child on the day and there's a £2 booking fee. Visit http://www.aladdineducation.com or call 07507 380036.

Fun day ahead for cricket Sixes

PENN Cricket Club's annual Sixes event is on Sunday. The six-a-side cricket tournament gets under way at 11am. There will be a barbecue, music and children's entertainment at the ground in Mount Road.

Deaf girl signs up to Games TV advert

Jayne Fletcher in TV advert

A DEAF girl from Willenhall has shown signs of encouragement to Team GB's Paralympic athletes by starring in a TV advert for the Games.

Jayne Fletcher features in the Channel 4 commercial, which aims to show the strength of disabled people as they undertake everyday tasks as well as sporting feats.

She signs 'Yes I Can' in the advert, which features a specially created song of the same name by The Superhuman Band.

Miss Fletcher, was born three months premature and is profoundly deaf, with the doctors giving her only a small chance of survival. Now she translates song lyrics by using sign language and has ambitions to perform 'SignSong' around the world.

She said: "The deaf charity Action On Hearing Loss contacted me and asked if I was interested in doing some work for Channel 4. I travelled to London and met some truly inspirational Paralympians and their families.

"I signed the lyrics to the theme tune, displaying a range of emotions to reflect the passion of the message in the song. There was costume and make-up beforehand. It was quite hectic but was really interesting to be part of.

"It was great, I felt so privileged to be asked to be involved and for such a prestigious event in featuring for the advert for the Paralympics. The song really struck a chord with me. Being deaf, I have lost count of the number of times I have been told 'no, I can't'.

"This song is about overcoming challenges and having faith in yourself to prove them wrong and say 'Yes, I Can'. It really is inspirational."

Skip hire firm boss spared jail over death

THE boss of hire firm Bilston Skips has been spared jail after being found guilty of causing the death of one of his workers through gross negligence in a tragedy that had been 'waiting to happen.'

The business was fined £600,000 when convicted in its absence of corporate manslaughter but has gone into voluntary liquidation and is unlikely to pay.

Bikram Mahli, the 44-year-old site manager, was at the controls of the excavator that either knocked Jagpal 'Jagger' Singh to the ground or forced him to fall at the firm's yard in Monmore Road, Monmore Green, Wolverhampton.

The 24-year-old victim, a family friend from the same village in India as his boss, was standing in a large 'bin' sorting garden rubbish when he asked for help to flatten the load.

Mahli told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "Jagger called from above. I could see everything clearly. I moved the machine forward, then compressed that bin twice. After that I saw Jagger lying on the ground."

Stress

The injured man was helped to the site office by workmates and an ambulance was called but he had suffered catastrophic internal injuries.

Mr Singh, from Bilston Road, Wolverhampton, was taken to New Cross Hospital where he was certified dead less than an hour after the incident on June 28, 2012.

One of his lungs had been detached by 'significant blunt force' to the chest, probably when struck by the JCB arm, although the 8ft fall from the skip, in which he had been working, could not be excluded as a cause of the injury.

Mahli, from Yale Road, Willenhall was found guilty of manslaughter through gross negligence. He received a two year suspended prison sentence with £10,000 costs and was banned from being a company director for 12 years. He had admitted negligence in failing to ensure the safety of Mr Singh.

Mr Patrick Upward QC, defending, said the four year wait for the case to be resolved created extra stress for father of two Mahli and his wife who has a serious medical condition.

Judge James Burbidge QC criticised the 'woeful' failure to separate mechanical diggers from pedestrians. "This was an incident waiting to happen but I accept it involved a family friend of the defendant and weighs heavily on him."

Puppy love for home residents

Jill Gollins, with Golden Retriever Charlie, meet 102-year-old Tilly Mattox at the residential care home

A THERAPY dog bringing comfort and companionship to the elderly has set tails wagging at a city home.

Charlie, a seven-year-old golden retriever, is a huge hit with residents at Highcroft Hall Residential Care Home, in Old Fallings Lane.

The home's four legged friend can often be seen with his head on their laps waiting for a fuss. The dog from Pets as Therapy regularly visits due to the therapeutic benefit animals can give to residents.

The home's activities leader Jayne Woods believes Charlie is the perfect tonic to put smiles on the faces of residents.

She said: "Our residents adore Charlie. He is such a gentle dog with a beautiful temperament – he is perfect, our residents always gets such comfort from him – it's wonderful."

Matilda Mattox, 102-years-old and the home's oldest resident, said: "He's so beautiful, I always look forward to seeing Charlie!"

Charlie's owner Jill Gollins said: "He is such a placid dog and absolutely loves the attention he gets.

"We can see from the way people react, Charlie brings these people a great deal of pleasure.

"They also talk to me about things."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Family fun to raise health awareness

SPORTS and games are on the agenda at a health awareness and family activity fun day near Bilston tomorrow (Friday).

Health checks will be carried out and there will be visits from the police and a fire appliance at Lower Bradley Community Centre, Wallace Road, Bradley, from 11am to 4pm.

Visitors can meet the knatty knitters and are asked to donate wool, buttons and bits and pieces to support local people with dementia

For more information, call Sarah Richards on 07713 313240.

Charity boost on tandem appeal

AN appeal for help in buying a tandem by a sight-loss charity has produced a generous response.

The Wolverhampton-based Beacon Centre said it was almost on target to buy the £250 bike after one donor contributed more than half the cost.

Staff want to launch a tandem cycle club for people with sight loss, who would be accompanied by a sighted guide. The centre has been loaned two bikes but was looking for help to buy a third bike. Beacon's community support officer Tim Jukes said cycling was good for confidence and wellbeing.

Woman injured after cars collide

A WOMAN in her 60s was taken to New Cross Hospital after being involved in a crash which saw a road sign badly damaged.

The woman was treated by fire crews and paramedics at the scene in Oxley Moor Road, near Pendeford, last Friday at around 2pm.

Two cars are believed to have been involved. One mounted the pavement and collided with the sign. The woman was breathing and conscious and was taken to hospital at 2.57pm.

Art workshops to keep youngsters entertained

A SERIES of art workshops are taking place throughout August to keep children entertained.

The Codsall Hive, on Church Road in Codsall, is running the sessions.

Workshops include the chance for youngsters to create a marbled mobile, make big art, complete card crafting and try their hand at creating their own tribal art and painted mugs.

Each session is individually priced.

Visit http://www.codsallhive.co.uk or call Lavinia on 01902 842 771.

Work on blocked sewer

A COLLAPSED sewer, causing flooding along the road and footpath, is being repaired. It has been causing waste material to rise and flood.

Severn Trent are working to repair the sewer, in Cotswold Road, Wolverhampton, and hope to complete the work next week.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

A sporting well done, but relieved it's all over

DRIVING home from work, my attention was drawn to three girls of about 20 lurking in the bushes of a busy country road with no footpath, staring at their phones.

Apparently it's called Pokemon. Which is strange, because I always thought poker mon was the bloke you call when the chimney's blocked.

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ALSO, what is all this walking around with bottled water about? Is playing Pokemon really such thirsty work?

Everywhere you look, there seem to be teenagers wandering about with a bottle of Evian in one hand and their mobile in the other.

All I can say is they must have really strong bladders.

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SO that's it for the Olympics, and once again the lads and lasses have done us proud. Finishing second, ahead of mighty China, is a remarkable achievement, and a welcome tonic after the abject failure of the England football team and the frustrating inconsistency of the cricket side.

But, whisper it quietly, am I the only one who is also a little relieved it is now out of the way?

Was the wall-to-wall coverage of minority sports really justified?

The other Friday, there was a horse trotting round a pound in circles. I assumed it was a warm-up, but it turned out to be the main event. Dressage they call it. I've seen more action at Crufts.

Then there's gymnastics. I know those taking part are terribly good, with a discipline and work-ethic to put many footballers to shame. But it's not a spectator sport, is it?

When I was at school gymnastics was what the unsporty kids did to avoid too much physical exertion. I loved it. Got a certificate and everything.

Most of, all, the news coverage has been ridiculous. I stopped watching the BBC breakfast news because the first 15 minutes of every bulletin was about pole-vaulting and the like.

As I said, well done to all who took part.

But can we get back to normal now? It's just that I just like my news bulletins to have a bit of, well, news in them.

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LABOUR leader Jeremy Corbyn has been accused of being out of touch because he did not recognise Ant and Dec when shown pictures of the pair. Why?

There are lots of things you can criticise the beleaguered politician for, but if he has managed to avoid I'm A Celebrity, Britain's Got Talent, and Saturday Night Takeaway, then good for him.

Ant and Dec are the televisual equivalent of keg lager or cheap plonk.

Most of us have experienced them at some time or other, but it's not something to shout about.

The walking party which conquered Ben Nevis

Walkers raised £9,000 for the Dudley mayor's charities

Bert making his last climb up Ben Nevis at the age of 89

How Bert inspired us to walk up mountains

NATHAN BRIANT tells how the memory of Bert Bissell, the peace campaigner, will always live on, helping so many others

THE weather was poor but that didn't stop a party from Dudley commemorating a legendary peace campaigner from the town for the third consecutive year.

Legendary is a word often overused, but it is appropriate for Bert Bissell, whose life and work is not only commemorated in his home town but also 390 miles away, in Fort William in Scotland.

He took countless trips with young people, showing them Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles. Fort William is the nearest town to the mountain. He was instrumental in maintaining links between Fort William, Dudley and Hiroshima, one of the two Japanese cities obliterated by an American atomic bomb at the end of the Second World War.

Memorial

In 1985, he unveiled a memorial to the links established between the three places.

And perhaps his most productive trip up Ben Nevis took place in 1945. It was Victory over Japan Day, or VJ Day, and Bert, who lived on Selborne Road, led a pilgrimage party from the Bible class to the summit and constructed a 'peace cairn' to commemorate the end of the Second World War. It is this which is immortalised by the trekkers.

And to recognise the impact he had on so many people's lives and his attitude towards world peace, 28 people from the Black Country walked the 10-mile round trip, with its incline of more than 4,000 ft, up the mountain recently to raise money for charities.

Councillor Steve Waltho said: "We kicked off in rainy conditions. There were about 20 of us and it was a battle to be honest – there are so few times when I have seen so much water [on Ben Nevis]. When we were there the conditions weren't good and it just made it more treacherous. I have got £300 to £400 from people from work. I would say we are going to exceed £5,000. It'll probably be much higher than that.

Bert Bissell climbing Ben Nevis on November 11, 1972, to lay a wreath

"We think it's just the real appeal of the event over three years. For three years myself, [Dudley MP] Ian Austin and [fellow Dudley councillor] Dave Tyler came together; Ian knows the Bissell family. The first year attracted 10 or 11 walkers; in 2015 there were 15 and this year it attracted the most ever."

He added: "The very first year we contacted a councillor up there. He's very interested in what we are trying to do up there. There are three stained glass windows moved from Dudley to Fort William [to mark Mr Bissell's contribution].

"Bert was 96 when he died in 1998. He started the Bible club back in 1925 in Bicken Street. He is usually credited as being Dudley's first probation officer – even before probation officers existed. He used to take young people and set them on the right path. But he took a whole interest in world peace.

"And there is a peace cairn at the top of Ben Nevis, made by the groups of young people taken up there and of course Bert himself. He was an absolute phenomenon. I don't know of any other person who has the freedom of two different boroughs. He was recognised in Fort William and Dudley."

But despite Councillor Waltho's admiration, there is one regret he has – that he never got to meet Mr Bissell himself, never got to speak to him about his ideals. He attended a meeting in the mid-1990s at which Mr Bissell spoke, but he never met him.

Mr Bissell begun taking Bible classes up Snowdon in Wales then went to Ben Nevis for the first time in the early 1930s. It was there he formed a lifelong love for that range. He is a well-known figure in Fort William; he used to give talks to hundreds of schoolchildren.

The Highland Council's Councillor Thomas MacLennan said: "I'm 53 and the relationship with Dudley and Fort William was really strong. They came up again three years ago and Bert Bissell is well known in Fort William."

Such was the impact that when Mr Bissell talked at schools in the town, people remember them decades on.

Mr Bissell's family arrived in the Black Country in the 1920s from Yorkshire. Born in 1902, he was one of five sons, their father a Methodist minister. He helped young people for decades and the regular blood donor was rewarded for his service when he was awarded an MBE in 1959. His life is commemorated with a monument opposite Dudley Council House in Coronation Gardens.

Astley Blake, who now runs the Bible class Bert set up along with other campaigners Damian Corfield, Shaz Saleem and Steve Rayner and former Dudley police chief Richard Green, also took part.

Charities

The party included Dudley's Mayor Councillor Mohammed Hanif and other councillors Keiran Casey and Cathryn Bayton. They were also helped by National Express, who sponsored the climb. They provided a coach for the stretch from the Black Country to Scotland and back again – a journey of nearly 800 miles.

All funds raised this year will go to the Councillor Hanif's chosen charities for the year. They are the Friends of Alfie Johnson – which helps children with disabilities – the Dudley Centre for Inclusive Living and Diabetes UK.

The town legend was a friend of the Austin family and someone current Dudley North MP Ian Austin MP knew well as a child. Mr Austin said in June: "It goes to show the enduring legacy of Bert's work in the community."

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Nightspot plan in for trouble-plagued pub

THE site of a trouble-plagued city pub could be transformed into a nightspot, under new plans.

Noted gangster hangout The Harp Inn, in Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton, was closed down in February after bosses surrendered its licence in the wake of a string of violent incidents including a brutal stabbing.

But now a new licence application has been submitted to reopen the site under the moniker of Mississauga pub.

New boss Teresa Hansell has applied to serve drinks at the site from 11am to 2.30am, seven days a week.

She has also requested an entertainment licence covering the same times. Licensing chiefs at Wolverhampton Council are set to decide on the application next month.

Violent

The Harp Inn had a troubled history prior to its closure. It was a reputed gang haunt that was said to be frequented by members of Heath Town's Firetown crew.

In August 2015 council bosses ordered the closure of the pub for a month following a spate of violent incidents, which included a doorman being knifed through the heart in June 2014.

The stabbing left bouncer Christopher Ramsey fighting for his life and saw Craig Birch, then 31, jailed for 14 years.

It was closed down again in January this year when a knife was allegedly drawn during a brawl between two gangs that saw a man punched.

At the time police described the venue as being on Wolverhampton's 'gang circuit'. The next month it was closed down for good after pub bosses surrendered its licence.

Councillor John Rowley, who sits on Wolverhampton council's licensing committee, said: "Members of the committee will be made aware of any historical problems with the site and also take into account the plans and aspirations of the new owners. People can be assured that as always, we will be looking at the application with great care."

Down to the challenge

Police officers from Wolverhampton get down to business to answer the call to support the 22 Push Up Challenge

COUNCILLORS, police officers and the public are rallying together for a push-up challenge.

The 22 Push-Up Challenge is aimed at raising awareness for army veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Dudley councillor Stuart Henley and Superintendent Keith Fraser of Wolverhampton police are among those who have been posting videos on social media in support of veterans. The challenge consists of 22 days and 22 push-ups on each day to raise awareness for the 22 ex-servicemen and women who commit suicide every day in the US from PTSD.

Supt Fraser said: "One of my officers encouraged a number of colleagues to take part in the 22 Push-Up challenge to honour those who serve and to help raise awareness for veteran suicide prevention through education.

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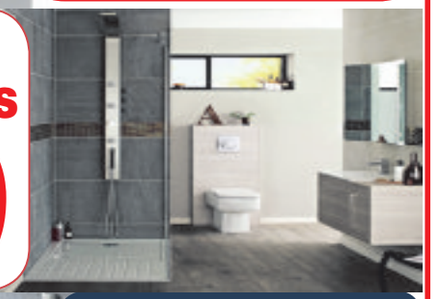

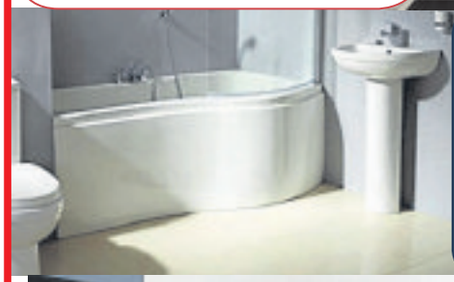

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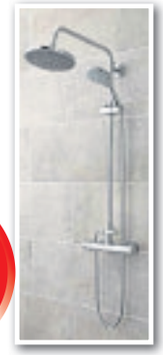

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Enjoy our athletes' performances

IT was interesting to read the complaints about organisation at successive Olympic Games in London and Rio.

In 2012, some people couldn't get tickets, obviously the fault of the organisers for not having an elastic sided stadium so that everyone who wanted to go was guaranteed a ticket. Such silly organisers!

This year, there were large empty spaces at many events in arenas. But according to the writer this shows 'good' organisation. It shows that tickets were too expensive for locals but not much else.

It maybe 'fashionable' or 'clever' to knock one's own country and our achievements. Yes there are lots of things wrong with us as a country, but we are Great Britons, living in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It's very easy to be negative in criticism, making positive criticism as somewhat harder.

Yes we are disappointed when we don't get what we want, but surely that was down to the facts that everyone wanted to be there, and corporate sponsors had a fairly big share of all tickets available anyway.

So calm down, don't find blind fault with everything, and enjoy some, seemingly, magical performances from our Olympic Games athletes.

M GOUGH
Wombourne

£1.4bn boom

SO much for our doom mongering 'economists' after the Brexit decision has resulted in a £1.4bn bonanza for the UK. Everyone knew it would, except the government, Bank of England, and the spineless politicians.

MARK COOPER
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Left confused by instructions

ALL over the country, a staggering amount of man (etc) hours must be wasted when trying fathom out how to use mobile phones, computers and other electronic gadgets.

These are marvels of technology but their instructions are either woefully inadequate, confusing or missing altogether.

When teaching computing at Birmingham University, it was stressed that no programme was finished until the 'documentation' had been written. That is: a new user must be provided with the information necessary to use it from scratch. This should also apply to the programmers.

Surely is it high time for the suppliers to be forced to provide full and unambiguous instructions…particularly when committed to using pictograms and jargon.

ROBERT ASTON
Coseley

Ripper should not be given privileges

WHY has it taken the authorities 32 years to find the Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe sane enough to be sent to a tough prison and lose his perks, such as his own private room, TV, DVD, desk, email and four visits a week in Broadmoor psychiatric hospital?

Why should this murderer have had such a cushy life in Broadmoor for what he has done?

Maybe the NHS is a bit low on funds now so it has been decided he is mentally fit after all and thinks it's a good idea to send him to prison to save money. In Broadmoor it costs the taxpayers £325,000 per year – so far it has cost £10m in total to keep Sutcliffe there.

Now he is whining, saying he will kill himself if he goes to prison and loses his cushy life. It is obscene.

Medical experts say he is now mentally fit to be sent to prison, it's a pity they didn't consider this sooner – and the families of the young women he murdered – and stopped his privileges and perks, and packed him off to prison years ago.

JACKIE LEWIS
Pattingham

Eddie a real football star

IT was with sadness I learned of the folding of the Wolverhampton Combination after 113 years.

What a wonderful job Eddie Yardley has done for the Wolverhampton Combination and local football.

I know the many hours Eddie has given to football. He was also a very good referee, officiating in the West Midland League.

I am pleased he will not be lost to the game, as he is a still involved with the J W Hunt Cup, Wolverhampton Sunday League and the Birmingham County FA. Eddie is dedicated to the game. I feel he should have an award – he deserves it.

ALEX HAMIL (MBE)
Wolverhampton

Students must pay back cash

IT'S wonderful that Team GB has done so extraordinary well at the Rio Olympics thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery.

Many of our most successful athletes, who received circa £30,000 from Lottery funds during their years of training, will now go on to make millions in sponsorship deals and winnings.

In comparison, our university students are also given financial assistance during their own years of training but the crucial difference being is that when they start earning, the university graduate is beholden to pay back every single penny.

Should not the same principle apply to the most highly successful Olympians? If not, why?

JOHN DAVENPORT
Wednesfield

Canal wonders need to be protected as nature reserve

COUNCILLOR Phil Bateman's ongoing efforts to get the Wednesfield section of the Wyrley & Essington Canal designated a protected nature reserve must be supported by the good folk of the village, and everyone who walks along the towpath, and glides along in canal boats.

My frequent walks from home into the village always shows the tranquil waters in a different light, from the cherry trees in season to the abundance of blackberries and one small stretch has two damson trees.

The water fowl are now raising their young and at every turn of the water, there are moorhens, mallards and drakes nursing their ducklings.

Approaching the village, coming around the last bend in front of me serenely gliding silently along to my utter amazement were eight swans, between them six almost fully grown cygnets, still sporting their grey downy feathers, a rare and delightful sight on this backwater of the Black Country's canal system. A fisherman further downstream reeled in his line, just astonished as me to see such a magnificent sight.

Combine this with the other flora and fauna that can be experienced and savoured by a healthy stroll along the bank of a much-loved local asset, and you will be amazed at what you will see.

The Wyrley & Essington canal must be given protected nature reserve status; it is a calm and silent release from a noisy stressful world. Dog walkers enjoy it, fishermen challenge it, and the retired see the magic of it.

I, a big city reject, an incomer to the joys of my adopted surroundings, still, after 28 years marvel at the ever changing vistas that confront me as I stroll the wonderful, magnificent, waterway that is the Wyrley & Essington Canal.

TONY LEVY
Wednesfield

Brexit talk still needed

IN response to the recent letter by T Levy of Wednesfield regarding Brexit, the gentlemen thought it wise that we should all stop talking about Brexit.

But Brexit has not happened yet and there are still important decisions to be made. What deal will we get? How will this affect things like the NHS etc? Will more money be pumped into various ministries?

The subject is more valid than ever and there is absolutely no reason to stop talking about Brexit. Our politicians will be talking and discussing this for a very long time. Instead we should consider how it will affect us.

DHANESH LAKHA
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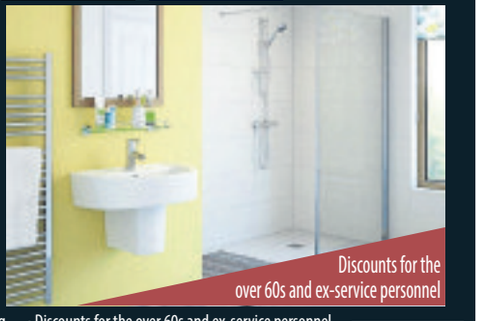

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£4k handout to help community groups

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Chairman of South Staffs District Council Bernard Williams, with Steve Bull, at Hollybush Garden Centre, Shareshill

THE Steve Bull Foundation has become the charity of choice for South Staffordshire District Council as the former footballer's charity work continues to support people in the region.

The Foundation, which was set up in 2010, has helped various charities throughout the West Midlands.

In its first year, it raised around £125,000, to benefit Midlands Air Ambulance, Macmillan, the children's ward at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital and the Beacon Centre for the Blind, among others.

Now it has become the charity of choice for the district council. Chairman, Bernard Williams said: "Every chairman at South Staffordshire Council champions a charity throughout their time in office, and this year I am proud to be supporting the Steve Bull Foundation.

"The Foundation does so much to help charities in the local area, so by raising money for it, we can be sure that lots of local charities will benefit."

Steve Bull said: "It's brilliant news for the foundation and I'm looking forward to working with them to raise as much as we can."

ALMOST £4,000 has been awarded to community groups in Wolverhampton over the past three months from a special fund to help grassroot causes.

The biggest beneficiary is a city-based charity that aims to bring young and old and able-bodied and disabled people together on shared projects.

The hand-out is part of a larger grant of more than £175,000 that has been awarded to community groups across the West Midlands between April and June by The West Midland Community Foundation. This is an increase of £63,510 from the previous quarter, with grants ranging from £200 to £10,000 being distributed to 97 groups.

In Wolverhampton, a total of £3,888 was awarded to help fund a number of health and wellbeing projects. One of those, the ConGens Group, received £1,888 to launch a virtual access project for mature adults and older people aimed at developing their IT skills.

Connect

ConGens, based in Ringwood Road, Bushbury, was founded it 2008 as a not-for-profit organisation and awarded charity status last year. It aims to connect generations and organise activities for the community which promote social inclusion.

ConGens trustee and chairman Janet Mahay said: "We run a variety of groups and classes for a wide group of people, from young right to the older generation, in Wolverhampton and the surrounding areas."

This quarter's total grant was £179,326 which went to groups and organisations across the Black Country, Coventry, Warwickshire, Birmingham and Solihull.

The Foundation manages a range of funds on behalf of companies and trusts across the area and awards the money to groups and organisations who aim to make a lasting difference to their community.

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Jobless in city up to buck trend nationally

THE West Midlands bucked the national trend of a fall in unemployment in the run-up to Britain's vote to leave the EU with more claiming jobless benefits in Wolverhampton.

The total out of work in the region was 173,000 for the three months to June – 18,000 up on the previous quarter – and 6.1 per cent of the workforce.

The numbers claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and other unemployment benefits in the region also rose across the West Midlands in July. The total claiming was 82,035 (2.3 per cent of the working population) – 2,810 up on June.

In Wolverhampton the number claiming was up by 195 to 6,645 (4.2 per cent) with neighbouring Dudley's total up by 260 to 5,705 (three per cent) and Walsall up by 200 to 4,785 (2.8 per cent). South Staffordshire's figure was up 20 to 685 (one per cent).

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden, said: "The figures for the West Midlands are cause for concern particularly when they come alongside a sharp increase in prices for UK manufacturers importing supplies and the bank of

By John Corser

England's emergency support for the economy."

Nationally there was a record number of people in work in the April to June period. The employment rate reached a record high of 74.5 per cent, with 31.8 million people in work, 172,000 more than the previous quarter.

A total of 1.64 million people are unemployed – a fall of 52,000 over the quarter and 207,000 down compared with a year ago, giving a jobless rate of 4.9 per cent.

The national claimant count, fell by 8,600 to 763,000 in the period after the Brexit vote. The number in work in the West Midlands for the quarter was 2.66m, 12,000 more than the previous quarter and 65,000 ahead for the year.

Marathon challenge then time for a-rrest

Ready to run the New York marathon, Inspector Karen Geddes, at Bilston Street Police Station, Wolverhampton

AFTER 22 years of catching criminals, police officer Karen Geddes has had to keep up her fitness. Now she is upping her game for the ultimate endurance test – a marathon.

The West Midlands Police inspector will be taking part in the New York Marathon in November as part of a team of 35 police officers from across the UK, raising money for a cause close to their hearts.

The cash will go to a fund in memory of Pc Nicola Hughes, who died after being shot in Manchester in September 2012 following a routine burglary call.

Wolverhampton-born Karen, the only West Midlands officer taking part, said: "It's the only cause that would get me to do such a mad thing. When I heard about it, it was a no-brainer for me, and if I'm flagging, I just remember what I'm doing this for."

The busy mother-of-two, who grew up in Whitmore Reans, fits in her training around her shifts at work and raising her family. She has had to battle against foot problems, which make running painful. Despite this, she has twice run the London Marathon for the same cause but insists this 26.2-miler will be her last.

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Tributes are paid after death of former mayor

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former Wolverhampton mayor following her death at the age of 79 after a long illness.

Councillor Gwen Stafford Good served as mayor in 1998-99 and was a Labour councillor for Wednesfield North, along with her husband, Mike.

Prior to becoming a councillor, Mrs Stafford Good was a French teacher at Wards Bridge High School in the 1960s. She went on to teach at Pool Hayes Comprehensive before retiring as headteacher of Willingsworth Comprehensive in Tipton. She also was a regular singer at the well-known Moonraker Club.

Mrs Stafford Good

Councillor Stafford Good was first elected as a councillor in Wednesfield North in 1991, beating the Conservative candidate Andrew Dawson, with a majority of 308 votes. She won three of four elections for the Labour party in Wednesfield North during the 1990s, and her husband also won one election in 1996. He died in June 2012. The news of her death has shocked and saddened local councillors, including Councillor Phil Bateman MBE, who was taught by Mrs Stafford Good at Ward Bridge High School.

He said: "Gwen was very popular in Wednesfield, and all sorts of organisations and clubs asked her to attend meetings, speak, and talk about politics, life in and around Wednesfield.

"Gwen was also a leading member of the local Soroptomist International."

Councillor Peter Bilson, deputy leader of City of Wolverhampton Council, said: "She gave great service to the council and the city and perhaps her biggest honour came in 1998/1999 when she served as mayor, something which I know she was extremely proud of."

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Devorah Hale is captivated by 'The stare of the the Goshawk'

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The photographs are part of the renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street. Now in its 51st year, the competition showcases the world's best nature photography. Put together by The Natural History Museum in London, the exhibition will remain in Wolverhampton until September 18. A total of 75 images are on display from the 40,000 entries that were submitted from more than 90 countries from across the globe.

Jonn Penney, promotions officer for visitor economy at Wolverhampton Council said: "This exhibition has such wide ranging, broad and enormous appeal to everyone."

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GP surgery staff join the battle on dementia

A PERTON GP practice has become one of the first in the area to join a campaign tackling the stigma around dementia. Six staff at Lakeside Medical Centre in Church Road, attended a one-hour information session and have become Dementia Friends – an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society.

The programme is the biggest initiative to change people's perceptions. It aims to transform the way the nation acts about the condition. The charity wants there to be four million 'Dementia Friends'.

Father of footballer died after pub fight

THE father of ex-Wolves striker Leon Clarke died after being punched in the head and then falling off his bike.

Darel Clarke, of West Avenue, Wednesfield, died on January 2 after New Year's Eve celebrations turned sour. Detective sergeant Angela Baggott told Black Country Coroners Court that 50-year-old Clarke had got into an altercation with Dillon Price at The Boat Inn, Wednesfield.

By Nick Humphreys

She said: "Mr Clarke jumped on Mr Price's back and threw a number of punches. Mr Price turned around and punched him once, which knocked him out.

"He went to get water to throw over Mr Clarke, but he was already up. He left the pub to go to the Royal Tiger, two or three minutes away. He took his bike.

"Witnesses said people were asking him if he wanted an ambulance but he refused.

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"He went outside and got on his bike, but fell off, hitting his head."

An ambulance was then called but Mr Clarke didn't get in initially because he wasn't allowed to take his bike on.

Eventually he got in, but vomited and passed out.

He was found to have a bleed on the brain when he arrived at New Cross Hospital, and it was decided the following day that nothing could be done to save him and his life support was turned off.

Grainy CCTV was shown to court of Mr Clarke outside the Royal Tiger when the ambulance arrived.

Dr Nicholas Hunt said in his pathologist's report, which was read out by Black Country senior coroner Zafar Siddique, that it could not be determined whether the punch or the blow to the head after Mr Clarke fell from his bike had killed him.

He said: "His injuries caused increased pressure in his skull and damage to his brain.

"I am unable to confirm that it was the punch that must have caused the bleed on the brain that caused his death, but I don't exclude it as a possibility.

"I consulted five colleagues who were all in agreement with me,"he added.

He also said that a brain injury sustained by Mr Clarke after a punch-up in 2014, which put him in a four-month coma, did not contribute to causing his death.

DS Baggott said that no further action was taken against Mr Price after his initial arrest.

Senior coroner's officer Russell Williams said that Mr Clarke's family expressed that they felt the punch was what caused his death.

Zafar Siddique, senior coroner for the Black Country delivered an open verdict. He said: "He died of a subdural brain haemorrhage, but I can't be sure in terms of which of the blows caused his death.

"I therefore have to leave an open conclusion."

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Percy Stallard, pioneer racer at Brooklands

Viking Cycles ran a very successful racing team. This show team members in 1951

Bob Thom led the Viking Cycles team. Here he is in a road race

Peter and Harry Stant on Wearwell and Viking cycles at the Heritage Centre

Hugh Porter, winner of four world pursuit titles

Town ahead of the field for producing bicycles

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

WOLVERHAMPTON used to be the most important town for bicycle manufacturing in the country.

At the end of the 19th century there were 30 cycle manufacturers in the town and only five in Nottingham. A total of over 80 have been identified in Wolverhampton over the years.

These range from major makers like Sunbeam, Star, Wearwell and Viking to small back street workshops.

The skill-base of the town was always literally metal bashing, tinplate manufacture, and this translated easily to making bicycles when the craze for them spread across the country in the late 19th century. The 'Rolls-Royce' of makers was Sunbeam, operating from the huge Sunbeamland works on Penn Road, with their gold pinstriping, and the chain enclosed in a 'little oil bath'.

The mighty Villiers Company was started just to make cycle parts for Sunbeam, initially pedal blocks. Many manufacturers moved on to making motorbikes, often, initially, by attaching a small engine to a bicycle frame, like Wearwell making Wolf motorbikes.

Cycle racing was hugely popular in the town, with crowds of thousands flocking to the Molineux to watch the races, before the football team took over the site. One of the most influential racers in Britain was Percy Stallard who was born in his father's cycle shop in Broad Street, and pioneered mass start road races, like the Tour de France, when the national authorities only licensed time trials.

After the war Viking Cycles ran a very successful racing team led by Bob Thom, and the town's main cycling club Wolverhampton Wheelers produced great champions like Hugh Porter and Andy Tennant.

The cycle makers have all gone now, but the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre feature the city's bike heritage with examples of Sunbeam, Wearwell and Viking bicycles on display, and are always looking for other examples.

Most famous Sunbeam bicycle devotee, Edward Elgar

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BEFORE: A traditional kitchen

AFTER: An amazing makeover gives a lighter more modern look

One million steps to promote abuse charity

THE Haven is staging a family-friendly community walk on Saturday, October 8 in partnership with Wolves and the Wolves Community Trust.

The Wolverhampton charity is hoping one million steps will be taken to deliver a powerful message against domestic abuse.

Jade Secker, Community Fundraising Officer for The Haven Wolverhampton, said: "October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so a perfect opportunity for us to speak out against abuse and make people aware of the support services The Haven offers local women and children who are affected.

"We started with the idea of a sponsored walk, which will begin and end at Molineux. Then it grew and we set ourselves the ambitious, but also fun, challenge of collectively clocking up one million steps.

Separate

"Staging it over a month keeps things flexible for our supporters, so if you can't join us for the walk then it's easy to organise a separate sponsored event of your own.

"A million may sound a lot, but with health experts recommending we all complete around 10,000 steps each day, that overall total will soon start to add up."

Matt Grayson, Head of Marketing and Communications at Wolves said: "The Haven delivers a very important service to families in the local community so we're very pleased to support this walk."

Wolves mascot Wolfie will launch the community walk, which starts at 10.30am and costs £3 per person to enter (plus admin fee). Registration is via The Haven's website at www.havenrefuge.org.uk/walkamillion.

Join us – Jade Secker, Wolfie and Laura Cowley promote the walk

International study boost

THE University of Wolverhampton has been awarded £294,000 for a project to increase international study and work opportunities for students and staff.

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There will also be opportunities for students from a variety of courses to undertake work placements abroad from two months to 12 months in a range of locations, including Malta, the Czech Republic, Spain and Italy.

Funding has been secured for the 2016/17 academic year and students will receive between 280-430 Euros per month towards their time abroad.

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College takes shape from ruins of former brewery

AN overgrown courtyard in the centre of the old Springfield Brewery site in Wolverhampton – deserted for the last 20 years – will soon be home to hundreds of students.

The West Midland Construction University Technical College, one of three institutes which together will cover every aspect of the building trade, is fast emerging out of the ruins of the old brewery stables. It will open in November.

The School of Architecture and the Built Environment forms the latest phase of the £100 million redevelopment, with plans to preserve half the existing structure and fill the rest of the space with eye-catching new-build.

Linked

Designed by architects at Birmingham-based Atkins, it will feature an atrium, open-plan design studios, laboratory, research and workshop space, and lecture theatres, classrooms, offices and a café.

The historic brick façade on Grimstone Street and Cambridge Street will be retained, while old and new buildings will be linked by a glazed bridge. When completed, it will provide space initially for almost 800 students and 50 staff, with student numbers projected to rise to more than 1,200.

Part of the Grade II listed building bears the marks of a previous attempt to breathe new life into it. Taylor Wimpey started work on building around 140 homes there in 2006 before the economic crash hit.

Lead architect Helen Newman said: "It's a dream building for students of architecture because it is a case study in itself. It has evolved over time and bears the marks of that. There had to be a balance between old and new. It's a beautiful, really elegant facade, which will be kept, but it would have been wrong not to have a strong, modern design."

The plans have just been put out to tender and the building work will get under way soon after a developer has been chosen. The roof will have a 'strong, sculptured form' featuring three pyramid-shaped structures that will echo the nearby clock tower, which is to be restored.

The third learning institute will be the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills, set to open next August.

The area to be transformed

The brewery's historic frontage

Work at the old Springfield Brewery site

Lead architect Helen Newman

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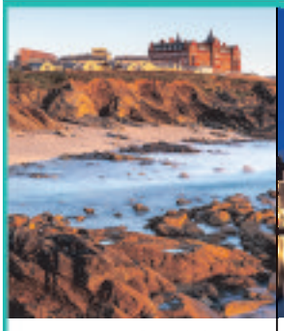

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Looking to the future – the house would be built on several levels

Hollywood? No this may be in Tettenhall Wood

WITH its unusual design and acres of space, it smacks of luxury living. It could be the home of a movie megastar in the exclusive Hollywood hills.

But this stunning, oh-so-contemporary £1 million-plus pad will be built in Tettenhall Wood, a stone's throw from Wolverhampton city centre, under new plans.

A 1960s house, said to be in need of much repair, currently stands on the plot in Mount Road. The council has already granted planning permission for its demolition and the construction of the new one.

With Molineux just down the road, it could soon be home to a Wolves footballer or even a convenient place to crash for the club's new Chinese owner when he's in town.

The building stands on a sloping site and the new design takes full advantage of its elevated position, with wide balconies wrapping round the back of the house where the new occupants could sit and enjoy the panoramic views.

Interest

Estate agents Berriman Eaton describe it as an 'outstanding residence with breathtaking elevations of enormous style and architectural significance.' The land sale has already aroused interest locally and from Birmingham and Manchester since it went on the market for £545,000.

Director Nick Berriman said: "It's a very unusual house for this part of the world. It's something you might see in Sandbanks in Poole. I would call it ground-breaking for Wolverhampton. It's a showstopper."

The house would stand in around 5,000 sq ft of land, overlooking Compton at the back and with a distant view of Wolverhampton city centre.

The plan includes a self-contained, two-bedroomed apartment above the garage, with a glass link to the house. The main building would feature a reception hall, sitting room, huge lounge-dining room-kitchen, jacuzzi room, office, cloakroom, laundry, large playroom, four big bedrooms, five bath-shower rooms and a dressing room. There is also a detached leisure building. The buyer may not take up the option of building the house, of course.

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State-of-art help centre on way for the disabled

DISABLED children and their families may have access to a new state-of-the-art respite facility in Wolverhampton if plans are approved.

The centre, planned to be built on Stourbridge Road in the city, will see a new short breaks service provided for disabled children and their families to have a break from supporting them 24/7.

The new building will include supported living accommodation for six children on the ground floor, a six-bed unit on the first floor and five apartments on the second floor.

The application, submitted by care provider Progress Care Solutions, aims at using currently vacant land adjacent to Springhill local shopping centre.

Crisis

Managing director Claire Haynes said: "We know through our experience in working with the people of the city that helping families as early as possible prevents them from breaking down and going into crisis.

"This is something that the city has needed for a long time, with families often having to travel outside of the city to find short break support."

The centre will also have a room kitted out with sensory technology, as well as a quiet room, therapy room, lounge, dining room and kitchen. The first floor of the centre will cater primarily for 16-to-25-year-olds, with the aim of supporting them in building their confidence and making them more independent.

Extensive gardens will also be built into the exterior of the site to give the children and their families space to play as well as relax. The site, which used to be a petrol station, has been left to become overgrown.

Artist's impression of the state-of-the-art respite facility

On track for a new career

UNEMPLOYED people in Wolverhampton are on the right track for a career in rail, after completing a special course to get back into work.

The group of jobseekers took part in a scheme offered by Wolverhampton College's community, employability and traineeship team in partnership with JobCentre Plus and Birmingham based Auctus, to give people the skills they need to apply for jobs in the rail industry.

As part of the six day course the students looked at health and safety, IT, customer service, communication skills and managing risk, and prepared for the Personal Track Safety qualification to gain their PTS card – a requirement to work within the rails for Network Rail in the UK.

Keith Millward, aged 43, enrolled on the course to help him find work. He said: "The course has been really good and I learnt more IT skills in three hours than I had in 24 years in my previous job!"

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Groups rush to sign up for award scheme

Ursula Wastall, Colin Darling and Linda Darling from Small Wonders Stay & Play Group celebrate win

IT is just over two weeks after its launch. And already more than 100 community groups have registered to take part in this year's Cash for your Community scheme.

The venture, being run by our sister newspaper the Express & Star and West Midlands-based home emergency insurance cover and repairs firm HomeServe, is offering a share of £35,000 to up to 150 organisations.

Remaining groups do not have long to register with the deadline this Saturday.

The scheme is in its third year. The group with the most amount of tokens claims the highest prize.

Need

From dancers to Scouts and sporting stars of the future, the money was spread far and wide in order to help those most in need making big differences across the community.

Last year, Small Wonders Stay & Play Group topped the pile. It collected 30,000 tokens to takeaway £4,067.

The money was spent on a sensory board and play panels at the Chapel Ash playgroup.

The first year the group came third, using the cash to help fund a sensory play room.

Ursula Wastall, co-leader of the group, said: "Winning last year was a great surprise and I would encourage any group, no matter how small, to take part."

For more information, visit expressandstar.com/cfyc

Citizens' chance to meet mayor

FAMILIES from across Wolverhampton are invited to 'Meet the Mayor' in a special event aimed at teaching them more about the role.

The Meet the Mayor event takes place on October 26 at the Mayor's Parlour, Civic Halls, Wolverhampton, from 10.30am to noon and from 1 to 2.30pm.

Children can meet the Mayor of the city, Councillor Barry Findlay, explore items from the collection on display, dress up as a Victorian and design their own coat of arms to take home. Each session costs £2 per visitor.

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Health chief in plea on marathon events

A HEALTH chief is urging people to sign up for this year's Carver Wolverhampton Marathon Events.

There are six events to choose from – including the traditional 26 mile Carver Wolverhampton Marathon, the Carver Half Marathon over 13 miles, the Banks's 10k Run and the Cousins 20k Cycle Event. There is also a Callprint Walk in the Park and a Children's Mini Marathon. They take place on Sunday, September 4, starting and finishing in West Park, with all proceeds going to local charities.

The city's health boss, Councillor Paul Sweet, who tackled the half-marathon in 2015 after shedding more than six stone in just over a year, will be completing the 20k cycle and is urging others to line up.

Register at www.carverwolverhamptonmarathonevents.co.uk or at Carvers Building Supplies before Friday, September 2. Entries will be accepted at West Park on September 3 from 9.30am to 5pm but not on the day.

Lottery aid focuses on groups that help others

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds have been distributed amongst worthy organisations in the Black Country area by the Big Lottery Fund.

The funding will be used to support local organisations and communities where people are most in need of help.

A sum of £389,152 has been given to Age UK to fund an existing project which will be run by Age UK South Staffordshire. The project aims to continue their work recruiting people aged over 50 to volunteer with children aged four-to-11 in primary schools.

The Beacon Centre for the Blind, in Sedgley, has received £304,816 to help further and develop an existing project that aims to help people living with a visual impairment get the support and skills they need to live independently.

The project also addresses the issue of isolation as it aims to develop social skills.Many organisations have been awarded amounts under £10,000 towards the progression of children and young people's learning and

By Charlotte Bentley

development. They include GUM in Wolverhampton and Wodensborough Ormiston Academy in Wolverhampton.

Other organisations such as the African Caribbean Community Initiative in Wolverhampton, Buyers Health Care Action Group based in Wolverhampton, and Topps Training Wolverhampton have all been given funding as they strive to help people with mental health issues to offer the support and counselling they may need.

Groups like the Holy Ascension Church Centre, Wolverhampton Cricket & Community Club and Signposts café have been awarded money to help with extensions and refurbishments of their buildings.

Be breadwinner at annual show

Wenonah Davies and Pru Coleman prepare for the annual show, which is introducing a 'Best Novelty Bread' trophy

NOVELTY bread inspired by The Great British Bake Off is on the menu at a village show.

Organisers of the Tettenhall and District Horticultural Society's annual produce show have introduced a new trophy for Best Novelty Bread this year. Member Pru Coleman said: "Everyone loves Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, and we thought it would be a little different."

The event, now in its 101st year, has 16 trophies up for grabs to award to great gardeners and clever cooks.

Produce from an auction of entries at the end of the show will go to the Hedgehog Protection Society.

Mrs Coleman said it was already shaping up up to be good show. "For a village show, I'm always amazed when I walk into the room and see the quality of entries.

"We've had a good level of entries so far, especially in the vegetable section. It can be intimidating showing for the first time but there is a beginners' section."

The show takes place at Tettenhall College on September 3 from 2-4pm. For an application form, go to the society's website or Facebook page.

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Mike Hamblett inside the spacious Robin 2

How Robin has put new bands on the road to success

EVERYBODY has to start somewhere and that applies to bands as well. And the Robin 2 in Bilston has set many new bands on the road to success.

Some now are regulars there such as rock band Gin Annie whose members all come from around the West Midlands area, mainly Coseley.

Their lead singer Dave Foster said: "We started playing at the Robin about 18 months ago as the support band. Mike was happy to give us a chance and now we headline here. We all have full-time jobs so finding time to rehearse can be difficult but we love to play and interact with the audience."

Experience

The band, including drummer Jack, bass guitarist Andy (Dave's father-in-law), lead guitarist Byron and rhythm guitarist Toni, who was their school teacher, have been playing together now for about three years, and as well as the Robin are available for functions and parties. They perform covers, mainly on the rock side.

Recently they put forward a Wolverhampton band Militia Inc to be their support act at the Robin. The young rock metal band, who until then has just been playing the pubs, described their experience there as 'living the dream'.

Owner Mike Hamblett said: "We obviously feature international acts from around the world at The Robin, but it had always been on my agenda to fit in as many local bands as possible as supports which gives them a great experience of performing on a big stage.

"Thinking back many years, names such as Joanne Shaw Taylor, Ian Parker, Aynsley Lister spring to mind as local acts whose first experience on stage were supports at The Robin who all went on to international success years later. Many, many years ago in my previous life as a drummer I was given that opportunity."

FOCUS ON BILSTON

At 106 Gerty still likes to keep up with the news

SHE just might be the country's oldest voter in the EU referendum and she's certainly one of the oldest residents in Bilston.

By Doug Wootton

Gertrude Talbot has just celebrated her 106th birthday. She was two when the Titanic sank and she remembers the outbreak of both the first and second world wars.

"Indeed I do remember the First World War breaking out. There was a young boy standing at the top of a hill screaming 'war, war, we are at war with the Germans'. I remember women were crying and saying they have mustard gas."

Helper

But Gerty, as she is affectionately called by staff at The Elms Residential Home, Bilston, is far from being stuck in the past as she regularly watches the news to keep up to date on local, national and international news.

Such is her interest in current affairs she took the time to send a postal vote in June's Brexit vote after consulting with her son, Peter and, as she puts it, "I love to know what's going on."

Gerty came from a large, poor family, she had nine siblings and a very strict father who made all the children go to Sunday school. A devout Catholic, she worked at the Bilston Catholic School as a general helper. She married her husband William when she was 28 at St Mary's Church and had one son Peter, who is now 76.

Her husband died from throat cancer when he was 42 and is buried at Bilston Cemetery.

On her birthday Gerty said: "When I got to 100, I never thought I'd be 106.

"I'm old enough to remember before they put the electrics in Bilston Town Hall, there was one big hole, which was there for weeks and weeks, so that's a bit of history isn't it?"

Reflecting on what's kept her going to her ripe old age, she feels remaining active has been significant.

"I've always done plenty of hard work, plenty of walking – I've never had a car."

Celebrating her 106th birthday – resident Gertrude Talbot, at The Elms residential home, Bilston

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School name & address	Tel No	Headteacher /Principal	Date	Time
Aldersley High School (and Resource Area for Speech and Language) Barnhurst Lane, Codsall WV8 1RT	01902 556868	Mrs N Davis	Saturday 24 September	10:00am to 1:00pm
Colton Hills Community School (and Resource Area for PD) Jeremy Road, Goldthorn Park WV4 5DG	01902 558420	Mr A Otero	Thursday 29 September Friday 30 September Monday 3 October *Alternative times are available please contact the school to arrange an appointment.*	6:00pm to 8:30pm 9:00am to 10:30am 9:00am to 10:30am
Coppice Performing Arts School Ecclestone Road, Wednesfield WV11 2QE	01902 558500	Mrs J Fletcher	Thursday 29 September Tuesday 4 October **Times are for tours of the school, please book a time with reception to avoid tours becoming overcrowded.*	6:00pm to 8:30pm 9:30am to 10:30am & 11:30am to 12:30pm & 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Heath Park Prestwood Road WV11 1RD	01902 556360	Mrs G Holloway	Thursday 22 September Friday 23 September *Tuesday 4 October *Saturday 8 October *Tuesday 11 October *Tuesday 18 October **By appointment only.*	5:00pm to 8:00pm 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon 10.00am to 12.00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon
Highfields Boundary Way, Penn WV4 4NT	01902 556530	Mr M G Tate	Saturday 24 September *Tuesday 27 September *Wednesday 28 September *Thursday 29 September *Tuesday 4 October *Wednesday 5 October *Thursday 6 October **Tours of the School by appointment only at 9:30am or 11:30am*	10:00am to 12:30pm
Moreton Old Fallings Lane WV10 8BY	01902 558310	Mr C Williams	*Monday 26 September *Tuesday 27 September *Wednesday 28 September *Thursday 29 September *Friday 30 September *Saturday 1 October **Dates are for tours of the school please book a time with reception to avoid tours becoming overcrowded. On Saturday there will be no students in school but you will have an opportunity to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Group and have a tour of the school.*	9:30am & 11:15am 9:30am & 11:15am 9:30am & 11:15am 9:30am & 11:15am & 2:00pm & 6:30pm 9:30am & 11:15am 10:00am to 12:00noon
Moseley Park Holland Road, Bilston WV14 6LU	01902 553901	Mrs G Holloway	Thursday 29 September *Friday 30 September *Tuesday 4 October Saturday 8 October *Tuesday 11 October *Tuesday 18 October **By appointment only.*	5:00pm to 8:00pm 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon 10:00am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon
North East Wolverhampton Academy Marsh Lane, Fordhouses WV10 6SE	01902 623111	Mr P Farr	*Tuesday 13 September *Thursday 15 September *Monday 3 October *Wednesday 5 October *Friday 7 October **Tour of the Academy followed by a talk from the Principal* ***Meet staff and students, join in with the activities*	9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon **6:00pm to 8:00pm 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon 9:30am to 12:00noon

School name & address	Tel No.	Headteacher /Principal	Date	Time
Our Lady & St Chad Catholic Academy Old Fallings Lane WV10 8BL	01902 558250	Miss T Ellis	Thursday 15 September Saturday 1 October Thursday 6 October *Visitors during the school day are welcome but an appointment is advisable.*	6:00pm to 8:00pm 10:00am to 12:00noon 6:00pm to 8:00pm
S. Peter's Collegiate School A Church of England Academy Compton Park Compton Road West WV3 9DU	01902 558600	Mr D Lewis (Interim Principal)	Thursday 6 October *Wednesday 12 October **By appointment only, contact the school to arrange a time.*	5:30pm to 8:00pm 9:00am to 2:00pm
Smestow School (and Resource Area for VI) Windmill Crescent, Castlecroft WV3 8HU	01902 539500	Mr M J Morgan	*Thursday 29 September **Tuesday 4 October **Wednesday 5 October **Thursday 6 October **There will be three separate presentations from the Headteacher during the evening.* ***Please book in advance as places are limited.*	6:00pm to 9:00pm 8:50am to 10:25am (tour) 1:40pm to 3:00pm (tour) 10:45am to 12:15pm (tour)
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St Matthias School (and HI Resource Base) Deans Road WV1 2BH	01902 556400	Mr D Coombes	Thursday 6 October Friday 7 October	6:00pm to 9:00pm 9:30am to 12:30pm
The British Sikh School Wolverhampton Road East, WV4 6AP	01902 558655	Mrs J Elbaz	Wednesday 14 September Saturday 17 September Tuesday 20 September Monday 26 September Wednesday 5 October Sunday 16 October Wednesday 19 October	10:00am to 4:00pm 9:30am to 4:30pm 5:00pm to 8:00pm 10:00am to 4:00pm 5:00pm to 8:00pm 9:30am to 4:30pm 10:00am to 4:00pm
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Information for parents and carers of children born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006

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Free sports in 'I am Team GB' initiative

A HOST of free sports activities are on offer this weekend to mark the return of Team GB's Olympic heroes.

The 'I Am Team GB' initiative is organised by The National Lottery and ITV, and supported by the British Olympic Association, UK Sport and Join In.

In Wolverhampton, there is free swimming at WV Active Central and at WV Active Bilston-Bert Williams. Free use of the track and velodrome is available at WV Active Aldersley. Quote 'I Am Team GB' when booking.

Albert Lawn Tennis Club is offering free coaching and play, Linden Lea Tennis Club hosts an open day and Tettenhall Tennis Club has a family fun day.

There will be the chance to try out bowls, karate, snooker, tennis and table tennis at Woodfield Sports & Social Club and Wombourne Bowls Club holds a taster. There is a triathlon introduction at Wombourne Leisure Centre and a Thai boxing from noon in Salisbury Street.

Wednesfield Rotary Club member Barry Picken takes a break during the V Festival clear-up

Volunteers intent on festival clear-up

THOUSANDS of tents and pieces of camping equipment were cleared away from Weston Park after the curtain came down on the V Festival for another year.

An army of around 250 volunteers co-ordinated by Brewood and District Rotary Club were out in force on Monday.

It is the 11th year the club has carried out the clean-up and typically sends more than 3,000 tents as well as other equipment to International Aid. Mike Hampson, from the club, said: "It is a shame people don't take their tents with them because the amount of equipment left behind is certainly something to see.

"We send them all to International Aid as they are usually one of the first on the scene when there is a disaster around the world."

Meanwhile, West Midlands Ambulance Service reflected on another busy festival tending to music fans alongside St John Ambulance.

A total of 1,218 people were treated, slightly more than last year, while 40 were taken to hospital.

Heavy rain showers throughout the weekend meant many fell victim to the conditions, with slips, trips and falls accounting for a lot of injuries. Others were treated for drinking too much alcohol.

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Demolition of nursing homes to go ahead

TWO nursing homes and a resource centre are poised to be bulldozed for housing in Wolverhampton, despite a campaign from thousands of people to save them.

Merry Hill House in Langley Road, Nelson Mandela House in Whitburn Close and Warstones House Resource Centre in Warstones Gardens are all set to be flattened.

By Nick Humphreys

Trade union Unison had presented City of Wolverhampton Council with a petition signed by 5,637 people who wanted to save Merry Hill House and Nelson Mandela House, along with Woden Resource Centre, in Vicarage Road, which is also set to be bulldozed.

However, despite the petition, handed in last November, the council's cabinet agreed to scrap the services in a move that is expected to save the authority around £2.6 million.

Respite

Warstones Resource Centre had been earmarked to be transformed into a community building, featuring a built-in library, health centre, meeting room and cafeteria.

Those plans were shelved by the city council in 2014.

The centre used to house a day care centre for elderly people fitted with respite and rehabilitation facilities, although that was shut down in 2012 following council concerns about low usage. At the time a petition launched to save the centre gathered more than 6,000 signatures.

Jacobs UK has been commissioned to carry out the demolition work. In the planning documents for all all three it says: "The site has been earmarked for demolition to make way for general needs housing, subject to planning consent."

It says work to bring down all three sites will commence in December.

Documents add: "The demolition contract will involve location, identification and disconnection of all existing services into the building and all asbestos before the start of demolition work.

"It will also involve demolition of all buildings and structures within the sites, including the removal of all foundations and below ground drainage and removal of all rubble and other materials arising from the demolition work."

It is not yet known if the land will be sold off, or how many homes could be installed at the various sites.

Councillor Andrew Johnson, cabinet member for resources at City of Wolverhampton Council, said: "These are all buildings that are surplus to requirements that are now going to be bulldozed before it's decided what happens next."

Driver flees as car ends up in house

A 4x4 careered off the road and ploughed into the front of a house in Wednesfield. No one was home at the time of the smash in Deyncourt Road but residents say it is not the first time there have been accidents on that stretch.

It is believed that the car was involved in a collision with another vehicle before mounting the kerb, careering through the wall of the driveway and smashing into the front room of the house at 7.30pm on Sunday.

Debris including bricks were scattered across the driveway of the home. West Midlands Police believe the driver left the scene after the crash. Anyone with any information should call West Midlands Police on 101.

Crews from Wednesbury and Tettenhall fire stations attended. A winch was used to tow the vehicle out after it embedded in the front of the semi-detached house.

An ambulance was also sent. Paramedics treated two women at the scene but neither needed hospital treatment.

Natalie Bennett at the Gatis Community space, with director Maria Billington and Charlotte Brown

Green ideas would spark economy, says party leader

AREAS of the Black Country are in 'desperate need of 'green' ideas', according to the departing leader of the Green Party.

Natalie Bennett said small, independent businesses could revitalise the economy in Wolverhampton and Walsall. The Australian-born former journalist will soon step down as party leader and both visited both areas as part of a farewell tour.

As part of its 2015 General Election manifesto the Green Party pledged to promote small businesses. In Wolverhampton, Ms Bennett visited the Refugee and Migrant Centre and the Gatis Community Space, where she was shown around by director Maria Billington.

The old Gatis Street adventure playground in Whitmore Reans was taken over by a community group last year having fallen victim to council cuts.

Ms Bennett said: "Areas like Walsall and Wolverhampton are in desperate need of 'green' ideas.

Answer

"There are so many empty shops in the town centres and the local councils seem to believe that the answer is to knock them down and then bring in the big chain stores rather than the smaller, independent businesses.

"It is the independents which would keep money in the area, provide good job opportunities and give the chance for people to do their own thing. What we need is strong, local economies."

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Helping to tackle the stigma of taboo topic

ORGANISATIONS in Wolverhampton will be seeking to break the taboo around mental health as the city marks World Suicide Prevention Day.

The city council is organising a series of activities and is encouraging people to help raise awareness of the importance of good mental health and wellbeing – while also helping to tackle some of the stigma surrounding the issue.

By Nick Humphreys

Though suicide rates in Wolverhampton are below the West Midlands average and falling, 64 people, mainly men, took their own lives between 2012 and 2014. The events taking place in the run up to World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 will aim to make people aware of help available locally.

Festival

They include information sessions at the Epic Café Health and Wellbeing Hub on Lichfield Street on September 5 and 8 from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 3-5pm and at the Tiranga South Asian arts festival at Bob Jones Community Hub on September 11.

Dudley Mind's Jolly Joggers will be meeting at West Park on September 3 at 10.15am, while a special Walking for Health session will take place at West Park on September 7 at 10am. Customers at Epic Café and the Civic Centre's café will receive leaflets setting out Five Ways to Wellbeing throughout the week.

Individuals will be encouraged to Go Orange on September 7 and wear something orange to show their support for the campaign, while orange and yellow ribbons will be on sale at the Civic Centre and Epic Café to raise money for PAPYRUS, an organisation which aims to prevent suicide among young people.

PAPYRUS will be running training sessions which will be delivered to employees from the council and other organisations across the city who come into contact with people at risk of suicide or acute distress, and individuals, schools.

Councillor Paul Sweet, for public health and wellbeing, said: "The council and its partners are committed to tackling stigma around mental health and discrimination.

"These activities are not only designed to raise awareness of the issues, but also highlight services like Samaritans Wolverhampton and PAPYRUS which can help people who are going through a troubling period."

For help and support, contact Samaritans Wolverhampton on 01902 420591, call free on 116 123, visit its office at 54 Newhampton Road West, log on to www.samaritans.org or email jo@samaritans.org

Photo album is sold for £2,400 at auction

A PHOTO album charting the history of Wolverhampton car manufacturer Guy Motors fetched £2,400 at auction.

The collection of 667 photographs, showing how the firm created cars, lorries and trolley buses from 1914 to 1982, attracted the interest of local historians and vintage vehicle fans when it went up for sale last Friday at Cuttlestones auctioneers and valuers, in Penkridge.

The album was just one of the items that was met with significant interest both via live internet bidding and from within the room.

A collection of Wolverhampton Wanderers programmes also sold for £700. Comprising 47 programmes dating from seasons between 1948 and 1955, the lot also included away fixture and cup programmes dating from the same era – including one from the 1960 final with song sheet.

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Seabass Signor Sassi
Pan fried seabass fillets, white wine and garlic, seasonal winter mushroom
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Served with red wine and mint sauce
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Selection of desserts
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Insalata Caprice
Buffalo Mozarella, Sweet plum tomatoes, avocado, drizzled with a balsamic and olive oil vinaigrette, red chard salad
Calamari Fritti
Baby squid coated in a tempura batter, deep fried, served with a touch of caper mayonnaise, on a bed of rocket salad
Main Course
Tacchino Con Ripeno Di Castagne
Turkey with chestnut stuffing, chipolatas wrapped in pancetta, served with Italian gravy
Fettucine Vegetiriano
Flat pasta, with baby spinach, baby plum tomatoes, shallot, white wine, creamy parmesan sauce
Pollo Alla Crema
Pan fried chicken breast cooked in white wine, mushroom and cream sauce
Salmone Cardinale
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Power PUP as punks grow up

CANADIAN punky power-pop outfit PUP are promising a blistering show in Birmingham, following the release of their new album The Dream Is Over.

The album's title is a riposte to the doctor who told singer and guitarist Stefan Babcock those very words when a cyst was found on his vocal chords.

Some wear and tear was not surprising after the Toronto quartet had played 450 shows over two years in support of the band's self-titled debut album.

But The Dream Is Over is very much an affirmation that the dream is still alive. It's brattish blasts of angry nerd rock, fuelled by self-loathing, youthful angst and the desire to escape a small town existence, show that the 20-something rockers haven't lost their mojo... and their lead singer delivers a full-voiced 'up yours' to bleak medical advice.

Touring

Stand out tracks include the anthemic Pine Point and Old Wounds, while Can't Win, My Life is Over & I Couldn't Be Happier, and If This Tour Doesn't Kill You, I Will mixes loathing and self-deprecation.

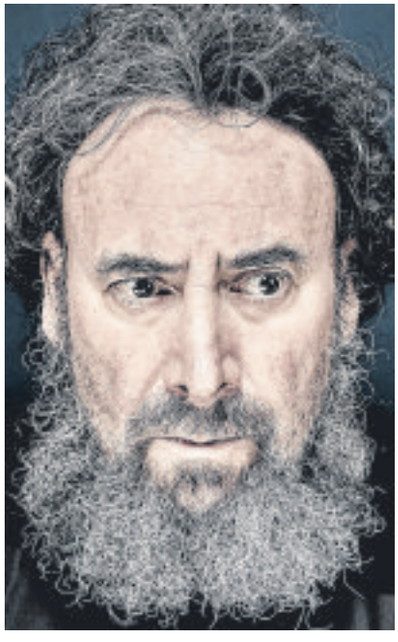
Babcock says: "I think that a lot of people in their mid-20s start to feel this sense of disillusionment, realising that maybe life isn't going to turn out exactly as you'd pictured it.

"I love touring and playing music more than anything in the world. But there's also this realisation that maybe the romanticised vision of this lifestyle I'd imagined ten years ago has little or no relation to the actual experience – waking up in a Walmart parking lot in a van full of dudes and thinking I'm 27, broke and lonely. That's where a lot of these songs come from.

"I think most people eventually experience that resignation, that acceptance of real life with all its imperfections. It's called growing up."

PUP, who also feature guitarist Steve Sladkowski, bassist Nestor Chumak and drummer Zack Mykula, are in concert at The Rainbow, in Digbeth, Birmingham, on Tuesday.

Canadian band PUP are growing up on the road, as heard on their new album



Knight will play a king

SIR Antony Sher (pictured left) takes on what many regard the 'Mount Everest of roles' when he plays King Lear, which opened this week at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

But 24 'extras', including amateur actors from Birmingham, Solihull and Warwickshire, will also be taking part in the landmark production which runs at Stratford until October 15 and will be screened live in selected cinemas on October 12.

Directed by Royal Shakespeare Company Artistic Director Gregory Doran, the production will transfer to London in November.

Sir Antony's first Shakespeare role with the RSC was as The Fool in King Lear in the early 1980s, before he made his name with his celebrated portrayal of Richard III. He has gone on to play Macbeth, Falstaff, Iago, Malvolio, Prospero and Shylock for the RSC. His screen roles have included Disraeli in Mrs Brown, Dr Moth in Shakespeare in Love and Glickman in TV thriller The Shadow Line.

One of Shakespeare's most celebrate plays, King Lear has an aging monarch aiming to live out his days without the burden of power. He shares his kingdom between his children but regrets his decision and has to confront his mistakes.

Written around 1605/06, King Lear is considered as one of Shakespeare's great tragedies.

RSC productions of King Lear have included many famous actors in the title role, including acting knights John Gielgud, Michael Redgrave, Robert Stephens, Donald Sinden, Nigel Hawthorne, Michael Gambon and Ian McKellen.

Festival style gig at Brum pub venue

SEE six bands for a tenner (if you buy in advance) at Birmingham pub venue the Hare and Hounds on Sunday.

The gig from 4pm to 2am at the Kings Heath High Street venue will be headlined by California art rock twin duo The Garden and Madrid trio The Parrots. Plus, from Brum, come punk duo Table Scraps, rock band Sunshine Frisbee Laserbeam, garage rockers The Castillians, and The Mothers Earth Experiment's psychedelic jazz.

In the H&H's other room that night is reggae band Kioko with a DJ set from Jerry Dammers.

See www.hareandhoundsking sheath.co.uk for details.

Camper Calling to pop under canvas

THE festival season continues this weekend with Camper Calling, the three-day family festival that blends music and camping at Ragley Hall in Warwickshire.

1980s favourites ABC, who this year released the long-awaited sequel to their 1982 classic album The Lexicon of Love, will top the bill in the grounds of the mansion near Alcester. Also on the bill are The Magic Numbers, The Hoosiers, Toploader, Dodgy, plus tribute acts and circus shows.

Tickets range from £10 for a day pass to £62.50 for the weekend. Visit www.campercalling.com or call 01244 881895.

Casino memories as fans keep faith

THE major Northern Soul event at Bilston this Sunday is going ahead despite the absence of soul legend Dean Parrish.

The New Yorker, famous for Wigan Casino classic I'm On My Way, has had to pull out of the soul nostalgia line-up at the Robin 2 because he had to undergo an emergency operation.

However, there is still lots for fans to enjoy with Tommy Hunt, Lorraine Silver and Johnny Boy Pryers joining The Edwin Starr Band led by the late Motown singer's brother Angelo. Plus former Casino DJs including Russ Winstanley. Tickets cost £22 advance (£24 door) with dancing from 5pm to midnight.

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Simon Cowell

The X Factor (ITV, 8pm)
New series. The long-running talent contest returns, bringing with it a reunion for the judging panel, as veterans Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh all reclaim their seats, joining show creator Simon Cowell to assess the latest crop of would-be stars. Also coming back to the X Factor family this year is presenter Dermot O'Leary, who takes over hosting duties from Caroline Flack and Olly Murs. As ever, the contest gets under way with the auditions stage, in which Cowell and co will be expected to successfully identify the stars of tomorrow from the thousands of hopeful competitors taking to the stage.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.10** Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final. Hull FC v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Now You See It.

6.00 The Getaway Car. Two brothers from Liverpool, a professional driver and his wife, a father-daughter duo, and two friends from London are among the contestant getting behind the wheel this week.

6.50 BBC News.

7.00 Regional Programme.

7.10 Pointless Celebrities. Hugh Dennis and Pauline McLynn, Charlie Higson and Adil Ray, Richard Gibson and Vicki Michelle, and Jean Fergusson and Tina Malone compete in the unorthodox quiz show.

8.00 Casualty. New series. The long-running medical drama returns with a special, feature-length edition marking the show's 30th anniversary. Beginning right where the previous series left off, Connie and Grace's lives hang in the balance after they were driven off the road and into a ravine by Steph, whose own daughter was taken away by social services following Connie's meddling. Back at the ED, the team plans a surprise party to celebrate Charlie's 30 years at Holby. When news of Connie's accident arrives, the festivities are immediately put on hold, and even old faces who have arrived to mark Charlie's big day offer to lend their expertise.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin presents as the winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed. Plus, adaptive rower Nick Beighton prepares for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool and Hull City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

11.50 Film: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. (1994)

1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **6.50 Film:** Mr Lucky. (1943) **8.25 Film:** The Importance of Being Earnest. (1952) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Lost Land of the Tiger. (R) **12.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **12.45** Bing Crosby: Talking Pictures. **1.25 Film:** That's Entertainment! (1974) Compilation of highlights from MGM musicals, starring Frank Sinatra. **3.30** Full Steam Ahead. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.20 Gardeners' World. Monty Don explains how to look after and prune soft fruit, while Frances Tophill visits RHS Rosemoor to catch up on the vegetable trials that she started earlier in the year. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra 2016. Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Montero and conductor Jules Buckley join Katie Derham to discuss the Sao Paulo Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 Greece with Simon Reeve. Part one of two. The presenter takes a tour of Greece, travelling from the islands of the Aegean to Athens and learning how the Greek people are coping with their country's crises. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. The platoon is selected to appear in an army training film, but Captain Mainwaring refuses to take part when he finds out his men are to play Nazi soldiers. (R)

9.00 Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark meets comedians who admitted to hastily re-writing their Edinburgh Festival shows to reference to the result of the EU Referendum. Last in the series.

9.30 The Truth Commissioner. In the wake of the formation of Northern Ireland's power-sharing executive, British diplomat Henry Stanfield is appointed to head a South African-style Commission for Truth and Reconciliation, with the aim of settling any lingering resentments over the thousands of deaths that occurred on both sides during the Troubles. His primary concern becomes an investigation into the disappearance of a teenager 20 years previously. However, Stanfield soon finds there are people in power willing to go to any lengths to suppress the truth.

11.00 Film: Kings of Curry. (2013)

12.20 Film: Everlasting Moments. (2008) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.30** I Am Team GB. **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25 Film:** Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** River Monsters. (R) **2.05** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser.

6.05 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Gold. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.

7.00 Go for It. New series. Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges, with successful contestants claiming a £1,000 prize.

8.00 The X Factor. New series. Dermot O'Leary comes back to the X Factor fold, while Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh rejoin Simon Cowell on the panel as the talent show returns.

9.30 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007) Amnesiac rogue assassin Jason Bourne's long-buried memories are reawakened by a British journalist researching the secret organisation that was responsible for transforming him into a killing machine. Meanwhile, a ruthless CIA director becomes convinced Bourne is still a security risk, and plans to dispose of him once and for all. Third instalment of the spy thriller series, directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Paddy Considine and Albert Finney.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007) Concludes.

11.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside.

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

8.55 The Morning Line. **9.55** Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **11.25** Salvage SOS. (R) **11.55** Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. **2.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Goodwood, Newmarket and Beverley. **4.45** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.40** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson presents the first of two programmes using drones to shoot aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public. Among the locations featured is a village on Salisbury Plain that is not listed on any maps, and is used by the military for training. The drones record an exercise involving tanks storming the area. (R)

8.00 The Good Terrorist. Documentary revisiting the controversial crusade of John Harris, the anti-apartheid campaigner whose exemplary reputation in pursuit of equality in South Africa was ruined when, in 1964, he placed a bomb in a Johannesburg station. His actions resulted in the death of a 77-year-old woman, and the severe burning of her young granddaughter. While Harris' actions up to this point had included helping to ensure South Africa would be barred from the Olympics, the 1964 bombing horrified the country. Harris was hanged eight months later, becoming the only white political prisoner to be executed in four decades of apartheid. More than 50 years later, this film makes use of Harris's own home videos to tell his story, from the perspective of those who knew him, and documents a momentous encounter in the UK between Harris's son and the now grown youngster who was maimed by his bomb.

9.00 Film: Last Vegas. (2013) Premiere. Comedy, starring Michael Douglas.

11.05 Film: Hot Tub Time Machine. (2010) Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke.

1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.50** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.25** The Fairly OddParents. **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.00** Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **1.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Phil expect a routine eviction, but get more than they bargained for, while Stewart and Victor hunt down £66,000 owed by a businessman. (R)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Action from the second one-day international of the five-match series, which took place at Lord's. Presented by Mark Nicholas, with commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

8.00 World's Fastest Train. Exploring four historic engineering breakthroughs that paved the way for France's TGV, which regularly reaches speeds of 200mph on some services and has been pushed to nearly 360mph in special tests. The programme looks at four key steps in the development of high-speed technology, including George Stephenson's 19th-century Rocket and the Japanese Bullet Train. (R)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Birmingham City v Norwich City, and Newcastle United v Brighton & Hove Albion.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two.

10.30 The Funny Thing About Dating. Host Johnny Vegas offers an uproariously silly, insightful and frank look at the difficult business of finding love in the 21st century.

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK. Friends David, Matt, Lee and Paul have to convince a stranger to go to the toilet with them, and work on the front desk of a central London youth hostel.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour **8.30** The Return of Flying Scotsman **9.00** Beck: In the Name of God **10.30** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **11.30** Red Hot Chili Peppers at Reading Festival 2016 **1.00** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **2.00** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.40** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **3.40** Close

ITV2
12.55 Catchphrase **1.45** Re-Educating Joey Essex: GCSE Special **2.45 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **4.50** The X Factor: Top Ten Success Stories **5.50 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **7.50 Film:** Corpse Bride (2005) **8.50** FYI Daily **8.55 Film:** Corpse Bride (2005) **9.30** The Xtra Factor Live **10.30** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.55** Mom **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.50 Film: That's Carry On (1978) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55 Film:** That's Carry On (1978) **2.40 Film:** The Young Victoria (2009) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45 Film:** The Young Victoria (2009) **4.50** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Inspector Morse **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.10 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **12.15 Film:** Destry (1954) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** Destry (1954) **2.10 Film:** The Rawhide Years (1956) **3.15** FYI Daily **3.20 Film:** The Rawhide Years (1956) **4.00 Film:** Superman (1978) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20 Film:** Superman (1978) **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** World Series of Darts: Perth **11.30 Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) **1.35** Highway Patrol **2.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 The Goldbergs **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.30 Film:** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Mirror Mirror (2012) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.00** Rude Tube **2.00** 2 Broke Girls **2.50** Angie Tribeca **3.15** Gogglebox

Film4
1.00 Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) **2.50** Thunderbirds (2004) **4.40** 17 Again (2009) **6.45** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **9.00** The Heat (2013) **11.20** Predator 2 (1990) **1.30** Byzantium (2012) **3.55** Close

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CHOICE

Jenna Coleman

Victoria (ITV, 9pm)
New series. In 1838, at the age of 18, young princess Alexandrina's life is transformed when she ascends the throne of Great Britain and becomes Queen Victoria. As monarch in her own right, the young Victoria suddenly finds herself freed of the repressive shackles placed on her by her mother's advisor, Conroy, and builds a new alliance with the charismatic prime minister Lord Melbourne. However, her inexperience makes her susceptible to mistakes – and ultimately scandal. Period drama, starring Jenna Coleman.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Continent. (R) **2.15** Summer: Earth's Seasonal Secrets. (R) **3.15** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Joe Crowley meets a tenant farmer to see what sort of problem he faces working on the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge, while Anita Rani visits reconstructions of neolithic houses. Including weather for the week ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. New series. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire, where a collection of rare figures and dolls turns out to be a find of national importance.

9.00 Are You Being Served? Young Mr Grace seeks to modernise the department store. Remake of the celebrated sitcom, starring Sherrie Hewson, Jason Watkins, John Challis and Mathew Horne. Part of the Landmark Comedy Sitcom season.

9.30 Porridge. Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais' updated version of their prison comedy, starring Kevin Bishop as the grandson of wily old lag Fletcher. With Ralph Ineson and Mark Bonnar. Part of the Landmark Comedy Sitcom season.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium and West Bromwich Albion v Middlesbrough at the Hawthorns.

11.25 Comedy Connections. The story behind department store-based sitcom Are You Being Served? The programme reveals how Joanna Lumley and a Piccadilly shop inspired the much-loved series. (R)

11.55 Comedy Connections. The story behind prison-based sitcom Porridge. (R)

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.15** Countryfile. (R) **9.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.15** Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) **11.45** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. **2.00 Film:** None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Kate Humble: My Sheepdog and Me. (R) **5.30** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R)

6.00 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart. Following the efforts being made by scientists, conservationists and local people in the Highlands as they work to repair the damage of the past and rebuild wild landscapes and habitats. The programme meets Dave Anderson from Forestry Commission Scotland and his colleague Simon Smith as they tag and monitor red kite and osprey chicks, gaining a unique perspective of the lives of the birds before they fly the nest. Cameras also capture the efforts of the Scottish Wildcat Action Plan team, as well as Paul Lister's project to reintroduce wolves and bears to his Alladale Wilderness Reserve. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best? In the second of two programmes, pooches and pussies are tested in training skills, independence and their capacity for love. Presented by Chris Packham and Liz Bonnin. (R)

8.00 Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the final, featuring the five heat winners and one of the runners-up. Last in the series.

9.00 Dragons' Den. A merchant navy officer-turned-product designer demonstrates his tablet holder, and two proud parents pitch their organic skincare product for babies. Presented by Evan Davis.

10.00 Fleabag. Dumped by her emotionally fragile boyfriend, Fleabag attempts to rekindle romantic fires to distract her from the mayhem of her life.

10.30 Murder in Successville.

11.00 Film: Up There. (2012)

12.15 Film: Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky. (2009) **2.05** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15 Film:** Columbo: Troubled Waters. (1975) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.20** Long Lost Family. (R) **2.25** The Chase. (R) **3.25** The X Factor. (R) **4.55 Film:** Despicable Me. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell.

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Ellie Simmonds: Swimming with Dolphins. The gold-medal winning Paralympic swimmer takes a break from training regime to conquer her fear of the open ocean and fulfil her childhood dream of swimming with wild dolphins.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents as the opening weekend auditions continue.

9.00 Victoria. New series. Period drama, charting the 18-year-old Queen Victoria's struggle to mature into a formidable ruler capable of building an empire.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones. The comedian makes five train journeys taking in the spectacular sights of Africa, travelling to unexpected places in deserts and forests, villages and cities, and finding out how the railways are used today. On the fourth leg of his journey across the continent, Griff travels across Namibia in the south-west, experiencing luxury camping, encountering cheetahs, and visiting 1,000-foot sand dunes. (R)

11.45 Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Dropping tokens down a choice of four chutes, they hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf - and the more they collect, the greater the prize fund. The player who has won the least amount is then eliminated, and the last one standing competes for a £10,000 jackpot. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

7.30 Frasier. (R) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 13th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **4.00** Guy Martin's Passion for Life. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Posh Pawn. James Constantinou sets sail on the high seas in a historic boat, the owner of which is seeking £750,000 to fulfil his dream of becoming a well-known children's author. Meanwhile, Lawrence is tasked with selling an original Kerry Darlington painting for a memorable returning client, and Essex girl Lucy needs an urgent loan to pay for her mother's funeral, and seeks to secure the money she requires using a diamond ring that has been in her family for generations.

8.00 Prehistoric Mega Beasts: Croc v Snake. Documentary investigating the unexpected discoveries made during a mining operation in Cerrejon, northern Colombia, where excavations have uncovered evidence of a prehistoric world filled with giant creatures. The largest of these was the titanoboa, a 43-foot snake that appeared to be unmatched in either size or strength. However, further findings in the region indicate that the titanoboa's supremacy may have been challenged by a giant crocodilian creature, and scientists conduct a close examination of fossilised remains to determine which of the two ruled this ancient animal kingdom.

9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything. Noel Fielding, Eddie Izzard, Alan Carr, Chelsea Peretti, Romesh Ranganathan and Dara O Briain are quizzed by Jimmy Carr on the past 100,000 years of history, with topics ranging from politics to pop music, fashion to film and art to animals. Jimmy is ably assisted by regulars Jon Snow, the children of Mitchell Brook Primary School and Joey Essex, as well as a whole host of famous question setters. Last in the series.

10.35 Film: The Watch. (2012)

12.40 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Highlights. **1.40** Friday Night Dinner. (R) **2.05** Walking the Himalayas. (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.05** Access. (R) **12.10** Now That's Funny! (R) **1.10 Film:** Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube. **3.00** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **4.00** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **5.00** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R)

6.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. Dave Spikey and Zoe Lyons introduce videos from the internet featuring animals doing bizarre and humorous things, with the first edition focusing on cats. (R)

7.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. Compilation of internet videos featuring children doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special. The agents grapple with emotional evictions and moral dilemmas, focusing on people who have fallen into debt and those tasked with recovering the money. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Most Shocking Moments of the 00s. Key moments and clips from the decade, featuring Justin Bieber's antics, Lady Gaga's meat dress and Britney Spears' meltdown. Reality TV programmes come to the fore, including George Galloway's turn as a cat in Celebrity Big Brother which shocked the nation, to Katie Price and Peter Andre's love affair on I'm a Celebrity! Featuring contributions from Louis Walsh, Liz McClarnon, Shaun Ryder and Bez, Matt Richardson, Jimmy Bullard, Nish Kumar, Sinitta, Kerry Katona and Kate Lawler.

11.55 Tattoo Disasters UK. The stories of more people who regret tattoos and are taking steps to get them removed, including a make-up artist who has one dedicated to friends he no longer sees. (R)

12.50 Lip Sync Battle: Walking Dead Special. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Suspects: The Enemy Within. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2016: Barenboim Conducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra **9.30** Sounds of the Eighties **10.00** Eisteddfod 2016 with Will Gompertz **10.30** Biffy Clyro at Reading Festival 2016 **12.00** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **1.00** Horizon: Playing God **2.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis **3.00** Sounds of the Eighties **3.25** Close

ITV2
12.00 The X Factor **1.30** The Xtra Factor Live **2.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.00 Film:** Charlotte's Web (2006) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Charlotte's Web (2006) **4.55 Film:** Bean (1997) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Bean (1997) **6.45 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** Bordertown **12.50 Film:** Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55 Film:** Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3
11.00 Goodnight Mister Tom **1.10** Lewis **5.10 Film:** Anne of Green Gables (2015) **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Investigator: A British Crime Story **1.05** Wire in the Blood **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.30** Rising Damp **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
5.45 Silverstone Classic **6.45** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Mr Bean **9.00 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) **11.10 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **1.25** Highway Patrol **1.55** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.00 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.30 Film:** ParaNorman (2012) **6.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.30** Gogglebox **1.05** Containment **2.05** New Girl **2.30** First Dates **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) **1.00** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **2.45** Rio (2011) **4.35** Tooth Fairy (2010) **6.45** GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) **11.35** Insidious (2010) **1.40** Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013) **3.55** Close

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Thor: The Dark World, BBC1, 8.30pm
The alien thunder god returns to Earth when a powerful weapon from the dawn of time is discovered. The device attracts the attention of an old enemy of his people, who intends to use it to plunge the universe into darkness – and to stop him, Thor must form an uneasy alliance with his treacherous brother Loki. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston and Natalie Portman. (2013)

Schindler's List, Channel 5, 10pm
During the Second World War, German businessman Oskar Schindler strives to save Jews destined for the concentration camps by employing them in his factory – an act of mercy made possible by a deal struck with a sadistic German commandant. Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning drama, starring Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley and Ralph Fiennes. (1993)

Thor: The Dark World, Monday, BBC1, 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY
DOA, BBC1, 11.45pm
A burned-out college professor is accused of murdering his wife's lover, and tries to cope by going on an all-night drinking binge – but wakes to discover someone has slipped him a fatal poison, leaving him with just 24 hours to find his would-be killer. Remake of the 1950 thriller, with Dennis Quaid. (1988)

THURSDAY
Shine, BBC1, 11.30pm
Biopic of Australian prodigy David Helfgott, the talented but fragile pianist who suffered a nervous breakdown and battled years of mental illness, along with the pressures of an overbearing father obsessed with success. Overcoming the psychological damage, he succeeded in putting his life back together and eventually settled in a loving relationship. Starring Geoffrey Rush and Armin Mueller-Stahl. (1996)

FRIDAY
Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, ITV, 10.40pm
The hapless journalist's new romance looks set to be short-lived when she ends up serving time in a Thai prison. Comedy sequel, starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant. (2004)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Will Home be where the heart is for Neil?

It's 60 years since Hancock's Half Hour made the leap from the radio to the small screen, and in the process became British TV's first great home-grown sitcom.

And that's all the excuse the BBC needed to launch a new season celebrating the genre, and looking back at some of the other much-loved comedies that have amused us over the years.

This week alone there are new versions of Are You Being Served, Porridge and Goodnight Sweetheart (as well as a prequel to Keeping Up Appearances entitled Young Hyacinth), while we'll also soon be seeing new casts recreate the scripts for 'lost' episodes of Steptoe and Son, Till Death Us Do Part and the aforementioned Hancock's Half Hour.

But if that's left you wondering where the much-loved classic sitcoms of tomorrow are going to come from, never fear – BBC Two is out to prove that the genre is still in rude health with a string of pilots, including tonight's Home from Home.

On paper, all the new one-offs look promising – Peep Show's Paterson Joseph and Robert Webb are starring in The Coopers vs The Rest and Our Ex Wife respectively, while award-winning stand-up comedian James Acaster is behind We the Jury.

Motherland practically groans with class, as its writers include Graham Linehan (Father Ted and The IT Crowd) and Sharon Horgan (Catastrophe, Pulling).

However, as seasoned sitcom watchers know, no matter how good the pedigrees of everyone involved, sometimes a comedy also needs that little bit of extra unpredictable magic to succeed.

So, let's all keep our fingers crossed for Home From Home, which stars a couple of actors who know a thing or two about crowd-pleasing sitcoms – Johnny Vegas, who has logged in plenty of hours by the pool in ITV's Benidorm, and Joanna Page, aka the female half of Gavin & Stacey.

They star as married couple Neil and Fiona Hackett, who, after years of scrimping and saving, have finally made their long-cherished dream of owning a lodge in the Lake District a reality.

At first it seems that their 'traditional' lodge at Lake View Holiday Park has been worth all the hard work and sacrifices – but that's before they meet their new neighbours, Robert (Adam James) and Penny Dillon (Emilia Fox).

Robert is outdoorsy, while Penny is glamorous and louche, and Neil can't help feeling that the Dillons are superior to the Hacketts in every way.

Fiona is willing to put any feelings of inferiority to one side and join their new neighbours for a 'getting to know you' barbecue, but her husband is less convinced.

However, when the sangria starts flowing, it seems that everyone loosens up – which may not be a good idea as Neil commits the ultimate faux pas…

It remains to be seen whether Home From Home will be so successful that someone will be recreating it in 2078, but here's hoping it gets to become a series.

Home from Home, Tuesday, BBC2, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Great British Menu
BBC2, 7.30pm
New series. The culinary competition returns with chefs battling it out for the opportunity to cook at a banquet held at the Palace of Westminster celebrating ordinary Britons honoured by the Queen, with the contenders being challenged to showcase contemporary cuisine and demonstrate the transformation in British food during Elizabeth II's reign. The contest begins with entrants all representing Scotland for the first time, with Adam Handling, Michael Bremner and Ally McGrath preparing their starters.

Celebrity Home Secrets
ITV, 8pm
New series. Famous faces revisit their former homes to share their memories and secrets from when they lived there, beginning with actor Nigel Havers. He goes to the London flat where he lived when he got his first professional job aged 15, and where Mick Jagger and Keith Richards attended a celebratory party in 1967 after Nigel's father Michael Havers QC represented them at the Court of Appeal. He also goes to the basement flat in Fulham where he was living when he got his first big break in BBC mini-series A Horseman Riding By.

TUESDAY
New York: America's Busiest City
BBC2, 9pm
New series. Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most complex and powerful cities in the world, focusing on transport links in the first edition. Anita, Ade and Ant head to Grand Central Terminal, joining the daily commute on the iconic Staten Island ferry as well as the subway, suburban railroad and citibikes. Dan visits Times Square to see how the 230 LED advertising hoardings are maintained, while Ade takes a ride in a yellow cab, discovering that the business model is under threat from newly created taxi apps.

WEDNESDAY
All Star Mr & Mrs
ITV, 8pm
There may be tougher quizzes, but few that have quite so much potential to provoke a previously happy couple into having a row on national TV. So, we should be impressed that ITV have found enough celebrities ready to prove how much (or how little) they know about their other halves to make a new series. Clearly, the chance to win £30,000 for their chosen charity is a big incentive. The first famous faces to take the plunge are Emmerdale's Adam Thomas and his fiancée Caroline Daly, Strictly dancers Kevin and Karen Clifton and Dad's Army star Ian Lavender and his wife Michele Hardy. As ever, Phillip Schofield will be asking the questions, but hopefully he won't have to act as referee as well.

Great British Menu, Monday, BBC2, 7.30pm

THURSDAY
Ingenious Animals
BBC1, 8pm
New series. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and a team of wildlife experts travel the globe in search of the most surprising animal stories and reveal how and why animals do such remarkable things. The first episode explores the world of animal intelligence, with Hugh visiting Florida to investigate an unexpected relationship between an alligator and a manatee, which has animal intelligence experts baffled. Plus, conservationist Giles Clark finds out if elephants can feel empathy – one of the most sophisticated forms of emotional intelligence.

FRIDAY
Would I Lie to You?
BBC1, 8.30pm
New series. The comedy panel show makes a welcome return, with the hotseat once again occupied by Welsh comedian Rob Brydon. This opening instalment of the tenth series sees team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack joined by guests Bake Off co-host Mel Giedroyc, heavyweight boxer David Haye, actor-musician Martin Kemp and comedian Romesh Ranganathan. As usual, the participants aim to hoodwink their opponents with absurd facts and plausible lies about themselves in a bid to secure a team victory and the dubious honour of being dubbed the liar of the week.

Lady C and the Castle
ITV, 9pm
The restoration of Castle Goring in Sussex, which was derelict when purchased by Lady Colin Campbell, who had plans to transform it into an upmarket venue for weddings and events.

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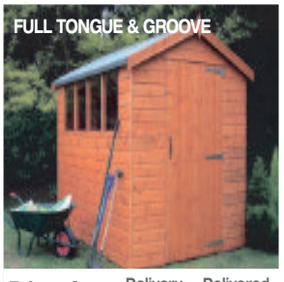

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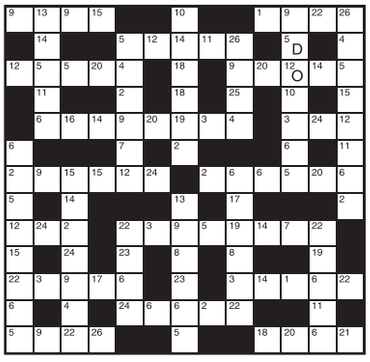

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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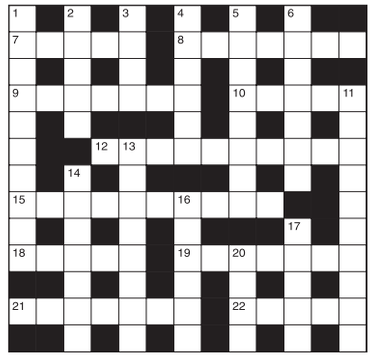
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Is about to study pictures (5)
8. Its quarters are hardly spotless (7)
9. Hands over and retires (5,2)
10. The hump in the middle of bridges (5)
12. Correctly positioned climbers are well advised to take it! (5,3,2)
15. Get to grips, but in friendly fashion (5,5)
18. Delay and yield to another's wishes (5)
19. In a suit designed for a hot country (7)
21. A facial expression - a sinister one (7)
22. Cultivated Scandinavian (5)

Down

1. Died with heart strain - in great pain? (10)
2. One will be anxious to do it (5)
3. Goddess is repeatedly put down (4)
4. Embrace that really fixes things (6)
5. Having got more on loan, you end up in debt (8)
6. There are thirty-one of these distress calls (7)
11. Fresh sand, please, for use by the sea (10)
13. Sweet rice came out of it (3-5)
14. A month, just, in London (7)
16. The country air! (6)
17. Remains precisely how he is (5)
20. Egg production centre (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Smell (5)
8. Stamp (7)
9. Curtail (7)
10. Cold (5)
12. Trial place (5,2,3)
15. Vivacity (10)
18. Shoot (5)
19. Windpipe (7)
21. Coach (7)
22. Shelf (5)

Down

1. Policemen (10)
2. Machine (5)
3. Annoying child (4)
4. Victor (6)
5. Roomy (8)
6. Readable (7)
11. Criminal (3-7)
13. Considerate (8)
14. Exceeded (7)
16. Essence (6)
17. Rebuke (5)
20. Skilled (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Bean-feast; 8 Ion; 9 Army canteen; 11 Penalty; 12 Drear; 13 Little; 15 People; 17 Cabot; 18 Sea-salt; 20 On one's knees; 22 Ark; 23 Falsehood. Down: 2 Ear; 3 Focal; 4 Annoys; 5 Treadle; 6 Dinner plate; 7 Insurgent; 10 Minute-books; 11 Policeman; 14 Lets off; 16 As well; 19 Ankle; 21 Ego. QUICK - Across: 1 Elemental; 8 Rub; 9 Determinate; 11 Immerse; 12 Scour; 13 Breach; 15 Invite; 17 Learn; 18 Appoint; 20 Educational; 22 Can; 23 Tasteless. Down: 2 Lie; 3 Error; 4 Toiled; 5 Liaison; 6 Premonition; 7 Abhorrent; 10 Temperament; 11 Imbalance; 14 Conduct; 16 Harass; 19 Pride; 21 Ass.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Which bird has golden and argus varieties?
2. Which Scottish group had a No. 1 hit single in 1992 with Goodnight Girl?
3. In which constellation is Deneb the brightest star?
4. After which French city is denim named?
5. Which supermodel 'wrote' the novel Swan?
6. Of which place was Baron Hailsham baron?
7. Of what is a magneto a simple example?
8. In which US city is the Grand Old Opry?
9. Who succeeded John Monks as general secretary of the TUC in 2003?
10. What sort of creature is a loon?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Fu Manchu; 2 Tenerife; 3 Treasure Island; 4 The atomic bomb; 5 M; 6 Archbishop of York; 7 Richard Burton; 8 Crows; 9 Boxing; 10 John Cleese.

Niner: SCRAMBLED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6542 gives a girl's name,
8332 gives a second girl's name,
89712 gives a third girl's name.

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Tom Odell belts out a top tune

Travis's Fran Healy delighted the crowd

Justin Bieber performs with his dancers

Rick Astley, loving the atmosphere

Little Mix, who certainly couldn't be accused of dressing down

Justin time for a V-ariety of music

Kaiser Chiefs' Ricky Wilson

FROM the top of the bill to the bottom V Festival offered up a musical feast to keep the masses in high spirits all weekend.

Before the 70,000 festival goers were let in to Weston Park all the talk was regarding the main stage headliners.

Organisers pushed the boat out to get Justin Bieber over to the UK for the weekend, but fan speculation had mounted in the days leading up to the festival that he may pull out. Following his 'disappearance' from Instagram, Beliebers took to social media to express their concern that their idol was in a bad place and would leave V with a huge gap in its line-up.

They need not have worried, as Bieber showed up to deliver a greatest hits set to an adoring, enormous crowd.

It was a fitting way to close proceedings on the Shropshire and Staffordshire border, with those who chose this leg over the Essex counterpart sure to have felt like they had claimed a small victory in getting the megastar to end their weekend. One thing that was notable by its absence, for the most part, was the rain.

So often the downfall of the whole festival experience, other than a few showers on Saturday, the Midland crowd got to enjoy a healthy amount of sunshine, especially on Sunday.

Rihanna took to the stage in the dark of night on Saturday to give a huge crowd a party they will never forget. The superstar singer took things to another level with her eye-popping show.

For those who fancied something a bit different at the end of their nights, the MTV stage was headlined by indie heroes Kaiser Chiefs on Saturday and dance legends Faithless on Sunday.

As has become customary for V in recent years, a contrast between the worlds of pop and rock was visible. Travis and Jake Bugg both attracted large crowds of die hard and casual fans.Travis frontman Fran Healy brought the crowd to life, even climbing the barrier at one point to get amongst it.

In between all of this was Tom Odell, whose unique voice and gorgeous songs gave everyone a chance to catch their breath, while Little Mix kept those eager to keep the party going entertained on the main stage.

Sunday's nostalgia kick came in the shape of Rick Astley, with Jess Glynne bringing us back up to date, with Stormzy and Bastille setting up the crowd for Justin's V-ery spectacular finale.

Rihanna striking a pose as one of the headline acts

Traditional detached property in top area is generous in size

An impressive traditional detached property in a sought after area, 93 Castlecroft Road, Finchfield, Wolverhampton, has generous accommodation.

It is for sale through Steventon Land & Estates at £430,000.

A fine example of a most attractive and imposing traditional detached property of distinction, it has been extensively improved over the years to include the addition of a cleverly thought out attic conversion and a stylish collection of modern fittings of quality, provides an exceptional standard of superbly spacious.

Its highly versatile accommodation is ideal for a large family.

The particularly well proportioned and nicely presented living space, which benefits from gas fired radiator heating and double glazed leaded light windows, retains a wealth of traditional character and has many fine features.

These include an inviting 15'10'' reception hall, an impressive 18'8'' lounge, separate 17' dining room, splendid 18'9' country-style breakfast kitchen fitted with an extensive range of units, a large utility room, downstairs WC, first floor galleried landing, four bedrooms, a deluxe house bathroom, an additional deluxe shower room, separate WC and a 17'10'' attic bedroom five with adjoining deluxe bathroom, all combining together to create a splendid living environment of which inspection is essential.

Situated within the favoured residential area of Finchfield, the property stands back from the road behind a walled frontage with wrought iron gates. It is approached via a substantial block paved driveway providing useful off road parking for a number of cars and access to the integral garage, whilst to the rear is a delightfully mature 85ft garden with an enviable southerly aspect, well stocked with a variety of plants, trees and bushes providing an outstanding outlook and back drop.

There is also a side lobby and large utility room and downstairs WC.

Upstairs the bedrooms lie off a galleried landing.

KEY FEATURES

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New
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- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- NO CHAIN

£155,000 EPC=D

Oxley
New
Oxley Avenue
- Traditional semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Modern dining breakfast kitchen

£135,000 EPC=D

Pennfields
New
Aspen Way
- Mid terrace residence
- Three bedrooms
- Two receptions
- No chain

£112,000 EPC=D

Oxley
New
Oxley Moor Road
- Extended semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Wet room, bathroom
- Modern kitchen

£165,000 EPC=C

Oxley
New
Mercury Drive
- Modern end terrace
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite
- Parking

£139,950 EPC=C

Penn
New
Belmont Road
- Extended detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Open dining kitchen
- Original features

£215,000 EPC=E

Woodsetton
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway/Parking

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Parkfields
New
Genge Avenue
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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Open plan Kitchen Diner

£149,950 EPC=TBA

Penn
New
Swan Bank
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Wrap Around Garden

£179,950 EPC=E

Goldthorn Park
New
Rosemary Crescent West
- Detached
- Four Bedroom
- Through Lounge
- Separate Dining Room

£265,000 EPC=E

Pendeford
Haywain Close
- Two end terrace
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Double glazing
- Central heating

£115,000 EPC=C

Finchfield
The Pines
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedroom
- Car Port
- Fabulous Location

£207,950 EPC=D

Merryhill
New
Bramdean Walk
- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

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Castlecroft
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Bhylls Lane
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

£159,000 EPC=E

Penn
New Price
Pennwood Lane
- Three Bed Detached
- Traditional Setting
- Great Location
- Modern interiors

£289,995 EPC=D

Bushbury
New Price
Bushbury Lane
- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Parking

£107,500 EPC=D

Wednesfield
New Price
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- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Sun Room

£174,995 EPC=D

Penn
New Price
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Double Garage

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New Price
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- Four Bedrooms

£260,000 EPC=F

Bushbury
New Price
Wentworth Road
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- THREE BEDROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

£95,000 EPC=D

Bilston
New Price
Willenhall Road
- Town House
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Bath/Shower Rooms

£150,000 EPC=C

Whitmore Reans
New Price
Jameson Street
- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Investment Opportunity
- Close To City Centre
- Two Reception Rooms

£80,000 EPC=D

Bridgnorth
New
SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required
Rastrick Close
- Three storey townhouse
- Four bedrooms, vacant
- Bathroom and en-suite
- Garage and parking

£225,000 EPC=B

Wednesfield
New
SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required
Linthouse Lane
- Traditional semi detached
- Extended
- Well presented
- DG and GCH

£175,000 EPC=C

Pennfields
New
SOLD S.T.C.
Similar Properties Required
Merridale Street West
- Traditional terrace residence
- Two bedrooms
- Two receptions
- Modernised throughout

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- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Downstairs W.C

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- Living Room
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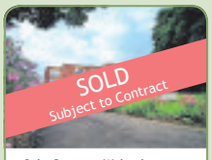
- Kitchen/Diner
- Large lounge
- Quiet road
- Large rear garden
- Overlooks park

Offers in the Region Of £75,000



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Offers in Excess of £350,000

Compton Road,Wolverhampton

- DETACHED HOUSE
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£315,000

Marlborough Gardens,Wolverhampton

- Four Bedrooms
- Cul De Sac Location
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- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Guest Cloakroom
- Modernised Throughout
- Front & Rear Garden
- Detached Garage

Offers in the Region Of £230,000

NEW

Lodge Road,Wolverhampton

- Detached property
- Four bedrooms
- Garage
- Sun room
- Generous layout
- Family bathroom
- Quiet road
- Downstairs bathroom

Offers in Excess of £220,000

NEW

Castlecroft Road,Wolverhampton

- Three bedroom Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Recently Refurbished
- New Kitchen
- New Bathroom
- Well Presented Garden
- New Central Heating System

Offers in the Region Of £195,000

Park Drive,Wolverhampton

- NO CHAIN
- Two generous double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Secluded cul-de-sac location
- Garage
- Storage shed
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating

Offers in the Region Of £195,000

Baneberry Drive,Wolverhampton

- Modern Semi
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Styled Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Re-Styled Bathroom
- Finished To A Good Standard
- Double Glazing
- Garage

Offers in the Region Of £179,950

NEW

Bay Avenue,Bilston

- Four bedrooms
- End terrace
- Garage
- Three stories
- Rear garden
- Two en-suites
- Quiet location
- Generous living space

Offers in the Region Of £165,000

Stafford Road,Wolverhampton

- NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW!
- THREE BEDROOMS
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Offers in Excess of £130,000

NEW

Flavell Avenue,Bilston

- Three Bedroom Terrace House
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Slabbed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Entrance Hallway
- Stylish Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £125,000

NEW

East Park Way,Wolverhampton

- Wolverhampton Area
- Terraced House
- Porch
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Downstairs W.C
- Three Bedrooms

Offers in the Region Of £125,000

Ashtree Grove,Bilston

- CASH BUYERS ONLY.
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PENN
£219,950 <<<

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Guide: £79,000 - £84,000

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10 Delves Crescent, Walsall

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Guide: £50,000 plus

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85 Shaw Road, Coseley

3 Bed Semi Detached House

Guide: £49,000 - £54,000

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3 Harvington Road, Coseley

3 Bed Detached House

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23 Chetwyn Rd, Wolverhampton

3 Bed Semi Detached House which may be Suitable for Conversion to Flats/HMO*

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10 Ivyhouse Lane, Bilston

2 Bed Detached House with Development Potential*

Guide: £29,000 - £34,000

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45 South Green, Penn

3 Bed Semi Detached House

Guide: £49,000 - £54,000

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37 Claverley Drive, Penn

3 Bed Semi Detached House

Guide: £59,000 - £64,000

View: 27 Aug 12:00, 31 Aug 11:15 & 2 Sept 14.:30

51 Bevan Avenue, Parkfields

2 Bed Semi Detached House

Guide: £29,000 - £34,000

View: 31 Aug 12:00, 2 Sept 14:00 & 3 Sept 13:15

5 Tryon Place, Bilston

2 Bed Semi Detached House

Guide: £19,000 - £24,000

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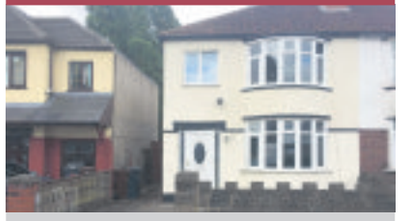

9 Bailey Road, Bilston

3 Bed Semi Detached House

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- End terraced house
- Brick, render and slate construction
- Requiring improvement
- Two Bedrooms
- Conveniently located for facilities at Chadsmoor town centre
- Adjacent to public car park
- Gas fired central heating (not tested)
- EPC rating D (56)

GUIDE PRICE £47,500

LOT 2

181 WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES WS12 2EW
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Larger than average end terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Brick, render and slate construction
- Open views to front
- Requiring general improvement
- Partial gas fired central heating (not tested)
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (44)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 3

LAND ADJ 89 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD.

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Good sized parcel of Freehold land
- Situated in an exceptionally popular residential area
- Convenient for amenities at Hednesford town centre
- Suitable for the erection of one detached dwelling house (Subject to Planning Permission)

GUIDE PRICE £85,000+

LOT 4

3 CHURCH VIEW, RUGELEY, WS15 1DZ

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating (not tested)
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (68)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £80,000

LOT 5

20 ORCHARD ROAD, WILLENHALL, WV13 2EP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Factory/warehouse premises
- Possibly suitable for residential/ commercial redevelopment (subject to planning permission)
- Predominantly residential area
- Convenient for Willenhall town centre

GUIDE PRICE £35,000+

LOT 6

29 RED LION CRESCENT, NORTON CANES, WS11 9QS
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached house
- In popular residential area
- In need of some improvement
- Ideal buy to let
- Partial solid fuel central heating (not tested)
- Some double glazing
- EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £50,000+

LOT 7

FIELD NO: 220, LAND TO WEST OF HORSEBROOK LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9EF

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Pasture land
- Extending to approx 2.4 acres (0.97Ha) or thereabouts
- Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Lane
- Mains water connected (Not tested)

GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £50,000

LOT 8

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY, WS6 6HF
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Recently recarpeted and redecorated
- EPC rating D (63)

GUIDE PRICE £50,000-£70,000

LOT 9

399 CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4AE
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Inner terraced house
- Brick and tile construction
- Requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation
- Two bedrooms
- EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £45,000+

LOT 10

7 DUNDALK LANE, CHESLYN HAY, WS6 7BB

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Semi detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Part double glazing
- Part electric heating
- Detached garage
- In need of improvement
- EPC rating 10 (G)

GUIDE PRICE £100,000

LOT 11

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK, WS11 1DF

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Well equipped ground floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Constructed 2002
- Located in much sought after cul-de-sac
- Conveniently located for Cannock Town Centre
- EPC rating D (61)

GUIDE PRICE £90,000+

LOT 12

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- No. 43b self contained first floor flat
- Rear basement together with rear yard
- No 43 - EPC rating (E) 103
- No 43b - EPC rating ((F) 34

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Offers, guide £239,500

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£219,995

PAGET ROAD TETTENHALL RD

A very spacious and recently refurbished early Edwardian Semi Detached Residence of much character presently converted into two excellent self contained apartments but would easily convert back into a single dwelling house if desired. The ground floor flat comprises: living room, modern kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, CH, part DG. The first floor flat offers: sitting room, superbly fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, there is a further attic room and part uPVC DG, gas Ch. Ideal growing family or family with dependent relative; alternatively investor seeking renal income. Energy ratings: C & D

Offers Over £200,000

PINFOLD LANE PENN

A spacious, extended Semi Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal, well appointed and attractively presented, enjoying an attractive setting in this popular residential neighbourhood. Tile canopy porch, enclosed entrance lobby, reception hall, living room, sitting room, extended well appointed breakfast kitchen, deluxe bathroom, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, hardstanding front garden affording ample parking, garage, enclosed rear garden, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

Offers From £199,500

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

An extended semi detached family house of character pleasantly situated in this very popular residential area handy for a wide range of local amenities. Enclosed Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, CH, UPVC DG, Garage, Gardens. Energy Rating: E

Offers from £175,000

STUDLEY ROAD FINCHFIELD

A delightfully presented and extremely well appointed End Town House of considerable charm standing on an impressive wide frontage with an attractively landscaped garden at the side of the property. Hall entrance, splendid through lounge, well fitted "L" shaped dining kitchen, three bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, separate w.c., DG, gas CH, ample off road parking, lovely enclosed rear garden with sunny aspect. Early sale desired. Viewing highly recommended. Energy Rating: D

£149,995

PRUDEN AVENUE LANESFIELD

An attractively presented and particularly pleasing Semi Detached Bungalow enjoying a gently elevated setting well positioned for a wide range of local amenities. Enclosed side entrance lobby, fitted kitchen, bathroom, inner hall, lounge, two bedrooms, potential for loft room conversion (subject to pp), CH, uPVC DG, off road parking space, gardens front and rear. Energy rating: D.

Offers, guide £119,995

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£97,000

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£95,000

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An attractive late Victorian Mid-Terraced Residence of character holding a pleasant cul-de-sac setting only a short distance from West Park and handy for the City Centre and the University. Ideal for first time buyers or investors seeking rental income, the property offers the following accommodation: Attractive lounge, rear sitting room/dining room, kithen, bathroom, two first floor bedrooms, attic bedroom, small foregarden, enclosed rear courtyard, rear garden, part uPVC double glazing, part electric heating. Energy Rating: F

£90,000

BRIGHT STREET WHITMORE REANS

A late Victorian/early Edwardian middle terraced house of traditional character, in need of some updating and redecoration but offering much potential, holding a very convenient position close to Wolverhampton City Centre and the University. The property should appeal to first time buyers or investors seeking useful rental income. Hall, front living room, rear sitting room, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, three bedrooms, gas CH, uPVC DG, small foregarden, rear garden. No upward chain. Energy Rating: D

Offers, guide £89,995

HUNTER STREET WHITMORE REANS

A late Victorian/ Early Edwardian Middle Terraced House in need of some refurbishment but offering considerable potential holding a highly convenient situation close to a wide range of local amenities. Tile canopy porch, hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, (the principal bedroom would easily convert into two rooms), gardens, uPVC DG, CH. No upward chain. Energy Rating: D.

Offers from £75,000

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In further good news, the FCA's recent post-MMR review with lenders announced "no obvious issues and all is working fine." However (The bad news!) the AMI polled its intermediaries and most felt there was an increasing "issue with mortgage prisoners" and "a quarter of those felt the problem was getting worse". However "whilst interest rates remain low, the issue is unlikely to surface significantly."

So it seems if you're 'squeaky clean' and can jump through all the necessary hoops, now may be a good time. So thinking of moving? Well call us now for a FREE Market Appraisal. Looking at buying? Then register on our mailing list.

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GOLDTHORN PARK — £299,999

NO CHAIN - OFFERS INVITED

BENSON AVENUE

WOW! A greatly extended detached, offering accommodation that suits a larger family with annexe conversion possibility? Can be offered with no upwards chain and offers are invited for consideration. - This property needs viewing for full appreciation! (EPC6D)

4 5 2

LOWER PENN — £295,000

GATED COMMUNITY

THE WATER

WOW! A sledid 2nd floor apartment in a gated community. DG, CH. Parking space, garage and much more. (EPC 74 = C)

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NEWBRIDGE — £294,000

IMPRESSIVE SIZE AND PLOT!

NEWBRIDGE CRESCENT

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END HALL ROAD

A distinctive detached bungalow of considerable size and potential. Sought after location in leafy West W'ton. Double garage, front drive and garden, space to sides and a lovely South facing rear. Call for details. (EPC 66 = D)

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GOLDTHORN PARK — £195,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

ROSEMARY CRESCENT WEST

A charming detached dormer bungalow, South of the City. In need of a future scheme of refurbishment but does have modern CH, rewiring, and majority uPVC DG (where specified) It should offer future potential for remodelling/extension, subject to PPs. Viewing is recommended and offers are invited for consideration. (EPC = TBC)

3 2 1

PENN — £189,500

NO CHAIN - OFFERS INVITED

CAMBERLEY DRIVE

An extended detached bungalow in a cul-de-sac, South West of W'ton. No upwards chain and bags of potential! Benefits from CH and DG. Many local amenities at hand. It needs 'work' but offers invited for consideration! (EPC 57 = D)

2 2 1

BILSTON — £97,500

NO CHAIN

SLIM AVENUE

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4 BEDROOMS
LIVING ROOM
GCH & DG
EPC 54 = E

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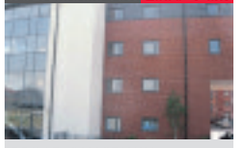

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OFFERS AROUND £475,000

FIRSWAY, WIGHTWICK

An attractive & imposing detached property of substantial proportions, offering an outstanding living space: 17ft7in x 13ft7in reception hall, W.C, study, exceptional 36ft5in living room, dining area, 19ft4in breakfast kitchen, landing & sitting area, 4 bedrooms, 2 luxury en suites & spacious bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, garage, lobby, storage, mature 85ft garden, in & out drive, premier cul-de-sac. NO CHAIN (C/73)

OFFERS AROUND £475,000

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A particularly imposing detached property offering extensively extended living space of quality & immense versatility: inviting hall with cloaks, 4 living rooms, 24' kitchen, open plan family area, utility room, downstairs shower room, 5 double bedrooms, box room, spacious family bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, carport, delightful 110ft garden onto open countryside.(E/50)

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CASTLECROFT ROAD, FINCHFIELD

A most attractive detached property of character, having been extensively extended & improved upon to create exceptional family living space; 15ft10in hall, 2 impressive living rooms, splendid 18ft9in breakfast kitchen, large utility room, W.C, 4 1st floor bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, additional deluxe shower room, W.C, 17ft10in attic bedroom five, deluxe bathroom 2, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, block drive, delightful 85ft garden.(E/42)

OFFERS AROUND £430,000

FINCHFIELD LANE, FINCHFIELD

An imposing detached property having been extensively extended to provide superbly spacious & highly versatile living accommodation: inviting reception hall, cloaks/W.C, 21ft9in lounge, dining room, breakfast/family room, well equipped kitchen, 12ft5in utility room, 5 bedrooms, study/dressing room, en suite bathroom, sep shower room, GFCH, maj UPVCDG, garage, delightful 80ft garden.(E/51)

OFFERS AROUND £325,000

LINDEN LEA, FINCHFIELD

A superbly well proportioned & very nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent extended family living space; side porch, hallway, W.C, impressive 20ft1in lounge, 15ft2in dining room, adjoining sitting area, 17ft conservatory, open plan 17ft5in fitted kitchen, large utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, house bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, double garage, long driveway, mature gardens.(D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £325,000

CASTLECROFT GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A fascinating grade II listed detached property offering immensely characterful living space, located with a lovely private road & conservation area: inviting hall, utility room, guest W.C, splendid lounge, charming dining room, bespoke country style kitchen, 2 first floor bedrooms with dual access luxury bathroom, 2 further second floor bedrooms, GFCH, garage & drive, mature gardens (N/A)

OFFERS AROUND £324,950

TUDOR CRESCENT, PENN

An outstanding newly constructed detached property, offering exceptional family living space, occupying an imposing, head of cul-de-sac position; hall, W.C., 17ft6in x 13ft lounge, UPVCDG conservatory, study/bed 4, splendid 26ft1in kitchen diner, 17ft8in x 13ft master bedroom, luxury en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, lovely southerly garden. NO CHAIN (D/65)

OFFERS AROUND £319,950

SOUTHFIELD GROVE, FINCHFIELD

A well proportioned & nicely maintained detached property, offering excellent family space, situated in a sought after cul-de-sac & residential location; inviting hallway, cloaks/W.C, impressive through lounge, further living room, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility room, wet room, 4 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, extensive drive, mature gardens.(D/61)

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OFFERS AROUND £310,000

ALDWYCK DRIVE, CASTLECROFT

A particularly imposing linked-detached property having been extensively extended & improved upon, occupying an impressive plot with a pleasing outlook to rear; inviting hall, W.C/cloaks, 2 excellent living rooms, conservatory, well equipped 18ft2in breakfast kitchen, garden room & utility area, 4 double bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, carport, garage, lovely gardens.(TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

RICHMOND ROAD, FINCHFIELD

An attractive & imposing detached property of generous proportions, residing with a sought after neighbourhood, convenient for amenities: spacious hall, guest W.C, impressive 28ft6in living/dining room, 16ft x 14ft9in breakfast kitchen, 5 bedrooms (2 interconnecting), bathroom & en suite, GFCH, UPVCDG, substantial block drive, garage, mature gardens, corner plot.(E/44)

OFFERS AROUND £295,000

TRYSULL ROAD, MERRY HILL

A most attractive & generously proportioned detached family home presently under construction by Ling Homes to a high specification; hall, W.C., impressive lounge, UPVCDG conservatory, office, splendid well equipped 19ft6in kitchen diner, excellent master bedroom with dressing room & luxury en suite, 3 further bedrooms, luxury family bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, solar panels, garage, gardens. (TBA)

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BRAMSTEAD AVENUE, COMPTON

An substantially extended & improved link detached property offering an outstanding standard of exceptionally well presented family living space, residing within this sought after & convenient neighbourhood; hall, guest cloaks/W.C, 2 impressive living rooms, well equipped kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, 26ft garage, mature gardens, substantial corner plot. NO CHAIN (D/67)

OFFERS AROUND £259,950

RICHMOND AVENUE, FINCHFIELD

An extremely well presented modern detached property offering an excellent standard of well planned family living space, occupying an enviable position within a sought after & convenient Cul-de-sac; hall, W.C, 2 attractive living rooms, comprehensively refitted kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, refitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, carport, garage, delightfully mature gardens. (D/64)

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

COPPICE ROAD, FINCHFIELD

A most deceptive detached bungalow offering superbly spacious & versatile living accommodation, residing within this highly desirable road, well situated for a comprehensive range of local amenities: inviting hall, pleasant living room, comprehensive kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms, restyled bathroom, garage & driveway, GFCH, UPVCDG, gardens to 3 elevations, NO CHAIN (E/46)

OFFRERS AROUND £229,950

EAGLE STREET, PENNFIELDS

A most interesting & highly attractive Victorian property of substantial proportions having been extensively improved upon to create a lovely living environment; inviting 32ft hall, 2 impressive open plan living rooms, 21ft4in breakfast kitchen, rear lobby, utility/W.C, cellar, 3 double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, enclosed garden, great character. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £197,500

PINFOLD LANE, PENN

A most impressive & extended semi detached property, offering most spacious & well planned family living accommodation, occupying a prominent position on this sought after road; hall, 21ft7in lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, utility/storage area, front drive, mature gardens. (EPC value) (D/67)

OFFERS AROUND £195,000

HARRIOTTS HAYES LANE CODSALL WD

A traditional semi detached property occupying a most pleasant leafy country lane setting, surprisingly convenient for village amenities, including railway stations at both Albrighton & Codsall; hall, 2 charming living rooms, comprehensive well equipped kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, ESH, UPVCDG, delightfully mature gardens, driveway, nice outlook. NO CHAIN (F/34)

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

WULFRUNA GARDENS, FINCHFIELD

A most impressive & tastefully appointed semi detached home of generous proportions, offering spacious & characterful living space, situated within this highly popular neighbourhood & cul-de-sac, convenient for the city & amenities; hall, 2 living rooms, conservatory room, extended kitchen, 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, delightfully mature & long garden. (E/42)

OFFERS AROUND £189,950

RUTLAND AVENUE, PENN.

A most impressive extended link detached property, occupying a pleasant position in this sought after location, handily place for surrounding amenities; hall, front dining room, extended 21ft rear lounge, domed conservatory, breakfast area, fitted open plan kitchen, utility room, W.C, 3 bedrooms, luxury restyled shower room, GFCH, DG, garage, block drive, nicely laid out rear garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £185,000

CASTLECROFT AVENUE, CASTLECROFT

A modern link detached property offering both spacious & versatile family accommodation, residing within a sought after location, close to good amenities & schooling: hall, W.C, pleasant 17ft lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, fitted bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, lengthy driveway, carport, garage, neatly laid out gardens. NO CHAIN (D/65)

OFFERS AROUND £184,999

BRANDON PARK, MERRY HILL

A particularly well presented modern styled detached property having been extensively improved upon over the years, occupying a pleasant position at the head of a cul-de-sac; hall, pleasant lounge, separate dining room, 16ft6ib breakfast kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature gardens. NO CHAIN (D/56)

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

WELINGTON AVENUE, BRADMORE

An attractive & extended traditional semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a pleasant & most convenient cul-de-sac position: inviting hall, impressive 22ft3in through living room, comprehensive 15ft9in ft breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature garden with outbuilding, driveway. NO CHAIN (D/57)

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CASTLECROFT HOUSE, CASTLECROFT RD

A delightful first floor life style apartment forming part of this prestigious development offering an excellent standard of well appointed living space; inviting hall, attractive living room, stylish well equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms, well appointed en suite & bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, allocated parking; pleasant communal grounds encompassed by sporting & cricket fields. (B/82)

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

LEYLAND AVENUE, MERRIDALE

An impeccably maintained semi detached property, having been extensively improved upon to create an excellent standard of most spacious & versatile living space, occupying a pleasant & convenient cul-de-sac location: inviting hall, 2 attractive living rooms, fitted kitchen, feature landing, 3 good bedrooms, restyled luxury shower room, GFCH, UPVCDG, driveway, mature garden. NO CHAIN (D/59)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

WOODFIELD AVENUE, PENN

An rather attractive Victorian period semi detached property offering excellent family living space, occupying a pleasant position on this most popular & convenient tree lined road: inviting hallway, 2 generous living rooms, spacious 13ft11in kitchen, small rear lobby, W.C, utility/study room, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature garden. NO CHAIN (D/60)

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

BREWOOD ROAD, COVEN

An attractive mid terrace property offering a good standard of surprisingly versatile living space, occupying a very convenient position at the heart of this sought after & well served village; hall area, living room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, well appointed shower room, UPVCDG, part ESH, easily maintained garden, parking to rear, convenient for M54 & A449. NO CHAIN (A/92)

OFFERS AROUND £154,950

LARCHES LANE, OFF TETTENHALL RD

An attractive modern end terrace house in Victorian style offering versatile living space of generous proportions, occupying a pleasant position on this popular road, convenient for the city: hall, pleasant living room, inner hall, guest W.C, fitted kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFGH, neatly maintained rear garden with useful side access. (C/70)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

BROADWAY, FINCHFIELD

A deceptively spacious mid town house property having been improved upon over the years to create a good standard of comfortable & suprisingly versatile living accommodation: entrance porch, 15'4" x 14'7" living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, restyled shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, GFCH, enclosed rear garden, block paved drive, garage in separate block. NO CHAIN (TBA)

OFFERS AROUND £149,950

FINCHFIELD LANE, FINCHFIELD

A most charming & interesting mid barn conversion offering surprisingly spacious living accommodation of considerable character, pleasantly situated off a private driveway; hall, pleasant living room, fitted kitchen with cooking appliances, 2 good bedrooms, box/store room, bathroom, GFCH. DG, integral garage, cottage style rear garden. NO CHAIN (C/77)

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OFFERS AROUND £149,950

WOOD END PLACE, TETTENHALL WD

A particularly deceptive end terrace property offering a surprisingly spacious living accommodation, enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac position: large porch, inviting hall, attractive lounge, dining area, comprehensively fitted kitchen, rear porch with W.C workshop & stores off, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, GFCH, UPVCDG, gravel driveway frontage, lovely long mature garden. NO CHAIN (D/55)

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LIVINGSTONE AVENUE, PERTON

A most impressive semi detached property offering surprising generous modern living space, situated within a pleasant & convenient cul-de-sac; hall, attractive 17ft7in living room, comprehensively refitted & well equipped kitchen diner, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, driveway, mature front & rear gardens. (D/62)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

HADEN HILL, OFF COMTON RD

An attractive Victorian mid terrace property offering versatile living space of surprisingly generous proportions, occupying a pleasant position on this popular road, convenient for the city: hall area, front lounge, inner lobby with access to cellar, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, part DG, GFGH, rear garden. NO CHAIN (TBA)

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TILBURY CLOSE, CASTLECROFT

A well present ground floor apartment, offering a good standard of surprisingly spacious living space, convenient for good local amenities: 12'8" entrance hall, attractive living room, comprehensive kitchen, lobby, small utility room, inner hall, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom GFCH, UPVCDG, mature rear garden, wide fore garden with driveway, 2 storage rooms, NO CHAIN (D/65)

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DS 3 wins hands down

By Sharon Walters

I wouldn't have to toss a coin in the air to decide between the DS 3 and its main rival the MINI. There's simply no hesitation for me. DS wins hands down. Whether in

It's curvy, seductive and very come hither. Unlike the pumped up MINI which while it's a great car doesn't set my heart aflutter. But then I am a Francophile and this car is so very, very chic and Gallic.

And don't mistake my 'looks matter' impression, the DS 3 offers the best package for my needs.

It has good ride and handling, low runnings costs and is very well put together inside. There's also plenty of kit as standard across the trims plus a range of economical and entertaining engines.

That standard spec includes alloy wheels, air-conditioning, an anti-theft alarm and a new 7-inch colour touchscreen.

Step up from the entry level Chic to Elegance and you also get 'Blade' 16-inch alloy wheels and LED front fog lights and inside, sports seats with stylish new 'Dinamica' cloth trim and automatic air-conditioning. There is also the latest-generation functionality includes rear parking sensors and the DS Connect Box emergency and assistance system. At the top Prestige adds eMyWay satellite navigation and front parking sensors, as well as Alcantara® upholstery, 17-inch alloy wheels and a lot more.

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Impressed

I tried out the Prestige THP 165 S&S 6-speed manual and while not the most friendly in terms of emissions as regards road fund licence, it impressed me more than the DS 5 I drove earlier in the summer.

My journey into work includes some lovely winding country roads and the DS 3 was a joy to travel in, especially at my usual commute time of around 6.30am.

It loved the corners and thanks to to its fairly stiff suspension, always felt well positioned and secure on the road. And it also enjoyed dual carriageway and motorway cruising - giving the feeling of being in a much larger car.

One of the biggest contributers to the travel comfort lies with the large supportive seats. Get out after a couple of hundred miles and there was no unwinding of the spine!

The 1.6 litre THP 165 almost gives you a hot-hatch performance - it will get from 0-62 mph in 7.5 seconds and should you get on a race track will get up to 135 mph.

Inside the car is very boutique French.

It has good ride and handling, low running costs and is very well put together inside

There's nice detailing on the dashboard and the dials are pretty with a 'floating' hood sitting above them.

And the car is right up to date with with a new touchscreen featuring Apple CarPlay and Android Auto tech.Plus an excellent hi-fi on top grade models which has a sub-woofer and central surround sound speaker.

Above all DS 3 is about individuality and on top of the standard trims there's a huge array of individual personalisation options or extra spec packs – enabling you to make the car have your very own personality.

And looking to the future and what you'll get when you sell, it's a stylish and popular model that sells well both new and used. That means it is acar in demand, which results in depreciation being reduced.

All models get remote stereo controls, and Bluetooth, USB socket and DAB features on all but the basic Chic.

And there you have why this car is my favourite in the sector.

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New Kia Niro good deal on all fronts

By Ian Donaldson

Want a car that uses less fuel than the one you drive at the moment?

Well, the obvious way is to choose something designed with economy in mind. The car you see here might well fit the bill.

It won't cost the earth (prices start at £21,295 and top out at £26,995) and the new Kia Niro works hard to keep fuel consumption down, thanks to combining petrol power with an electric motor and big battery.

Without trying, you will see a figure comfortably the right side of 40mpg – even cruising the motorway at the same speed as all the Audis and BMWs in the outside lane.

But here';s the thing; show a bit of restraint and that figure will charge towards 60mpg and you'll arrive almost as quickly and a lot less stressed.

I know because those figures – 43mpg, getting a move on and 57mpg with a little restraint – shone out from the Niro's dash after a drive in two versions of this Korean- built newcomer.

Designed

The economy choice is up to you (and applies to every other car of course, not just a new Kia) but is perhaps most sharply shown in something like the Niro because it really is not designed for all-out sporting action in the first place.

Instead we have a car designed from scratch – with an expensive to develop platform all to itself – to provide a family of five with enough space to travel in comfort with lots of luggage and not use too much petrol.

Helping achieve that hoped for economy (up to 74.3mpg official average, but less in the real world) is a 104bhp petrol engine and a 43bhp electric motor that drive the front wheels through a six-speed automatic gearbox.

It will manage short distances on battery power alone but most of the time the two systems are at work, with the battery recharging itself as you slow down and the electric motor turns itself to braking.

Even with both power sources at work the car feels simply fast enough, not fast – with 101mph flat out and 11.5 seconds to 62mph quoted.

But it's all done with the minimum of fuss as the gearbox chooses the right ratio on your behalf.

Style-wise, the Niro is (yet) another entrant to the madly burgeoning ranks of crossover vehicles – cars designed to look like a loose mix of sturdy off-roadster and slick hatchback. The world can't get enough of them at the moment, so it would be churlish of Kia not to oblige.

You'd have to say the Niro is a very mild sort of crossover; looking almost as sleek and squat as a hatch and certainly needing no higher a climb into the driving seat. The result is that it slips through the air more easily than most crossovers, to the benefit of fuel consumption and wind noise.

Grades

There are four versions of the Niro, logically called 1, 2, 3 and First Edition. All share the same engine and gearbox, although if you choose grades 3 or First Edition they come with smart 18ins alloys in place of the standard 16-inchers and put out more CO2 (101g/km versus 88g/km) and use considerably more petrol in the official test (64.2mpg plays 74.3mpg).

Trying a version of both on some fairly undemanding Northumbrian roads, both cars showed a little over 43mpg. Slowing down and driving with economy in mind transformed that figure to 57.8mpg.

The smaller wheeled Niro rode the worse roads better than its more alloyed sibling, although you'll have to take the official economy drop if you fancy one of the higher-specced Niros.

All of the newcomers have dual zone automatic air conditioning, all round electric windows, DAB radio, USB and AUX ports and a trip computer. T

hey've also all got cruise control and Bluetooth smartphone connectivity.

Move to level 2 (£22,795) and additions include a reversing camera and satellite navigation, while the £24,695 grade 3 brings a bigger touchscreen and powerful JBL sound system.

Top of the Niro tree is the £26,995 First Edition, with active cruise control, automatic emergency braking, electric sliding sunroof, leather trim and heated seats – front and rear, with a cooling facility in the two at the front.

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New Alfa Romeo Giulia in UK soon

By James Parker

Head joins the heart today as Alfa Romeo announces the UK pricing and specification for the alll-new Alfa Romeo Giulia range, with prices starting from £29,180 on-the-road.

Featuring all new rear-wheel drive architecture, perfect weight distribution, best in class power-to-weight ratios, and innovative engine and driver technologies, the new Giulia is every inch a true Alfa Romeo. In terms of style, the car stands out for its distinctive Italian design, which is expressed through an impeccable sense of proportions, based on the technical architecture, as well as the sophisticated simplicity and quality surfaces used both inside and out.

In the UK, the Giulia model range features five trim levels – The Giulia, Super, Tecnica, Speciale and the range topping Quadrifoglio – and is available in 13 different exterior colour options. Alfa Romeo Giulia drivers can also choose between four engine variants (two petrol and two diesel), which are all paired to a new eight-speed automatic transmission as standard.

The entry trim level 'Giulia' includes comprehensive standard specification. It includes new efficient active safety systems, including Forward Collision Warning with Autonomous Emergency Brake with pedestrian recognition, Integrated Brake System, and Lane Departure Warning – all of which have contributed to the new Alfa Romeo Giulia being awarded a prestigious Five Star Euro NCAP rating.

Focuses

Rounding out the entry level trim are a host of styling and functional features. Exterior features include 16-inch alloy wheels, LED rear lights, chrome exhaust and aluminium brake calipers.

As with all Alfa Romeos, the interior of the car focuses on driving satisfaction with dual-zone climate control, Alfa™ D.N.A. rotary driving mode selector, 3.5" TFT colour cluster instrument panel, UConnect™ 6.5" display infotainment system with DAB plus MP3 and Bluetooth connectivity, 8-speaker audio system,rear parking sensors and cruise control.

The full package of standard equipment on the Alfa Romeo Giulia trim level is supplemented on the Super version with exclusive interior and exterior features. Exterior wise, Super trim level adds 17-inch alloy wheels and a dual chrome exhaust tip.

Inside, Alfa Romeo Giulia Super features an 8.8-inch 3D navigation with 7-inch TFT display, as well as leather and cloth seat trims in three colour options. The engine range comprises the 200hp 2.0-litre turbo petrol, 150hp 2.2 JTDM-2 and 180hp 2.2 JTDM-2 Prices for the Super range start at £30,750.

The Tecnica adds useful and stylish features for the business user, including power seats, climate pack and privacy glass. It also adds a driver assistance pack featuring front and rear parking sensors and rear view camera. Prices for the Alfa Romeo Giulia Tecnica start at £30,995.

Upgrade

Building on the Super trim level, drivers wanting an even sportier presence on the road can upgrade to the Speciale trim level.

From the exterior this sporty trim level features 18-inch 'Sport' alloys, 25W bi-Xenon headlamps, sports front and rear bumpers, a sports diffuser, dual chrome exhaust and red brake callipers.

Inside the Speciale features aluminium metal sport pedals and footrest, heated and powered front seats, heated steering wheel and leather sports seats. Prices for the Speciale start at £34,150.

Top-of-the-range Quadrifoglio trim adds functional and styling contents to the standard specification. These include leather and Alcantara upholstered sports seats, sports steering wheel with red ignition button, carbon fibre inserts for the interior and aerodynamic exterior spoilers, comfort and safety features that also includeBlind Spot Monitoring technology and rear camera as well as 35W Xenon headlights with AFS technology.

In addition, it features technical gear designed specifically to maximise dynamic performance: the AlfaTM Active Aero Splitter system, the dedicated braking system, the AlfaTM D.N.A. Pro selector with Race mode that communicates with the AlfaTM Chassis Domain Control (CDC) system, and AlfaTM Torque Vectoring.

Powered by a new 510hp, 600Nm Bi-Turbo V6 petrol engine, with an eight-speed paddle shift automatic transmission as standard. Pricing for the Quadrifoglio super saloon start at £59,000.

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Audi's baby SUV Q2 is delivered

By Sophie Williamson-Stothert

Unveiled to the public at the Geneva Motor Show in March, this sporty-looking SUV is the fourth (and smallest) member of Audi's Q range – the entry point to the Q range – alongside its bigger brothers, the Q7, the Q5 and the Q3. Priced from £22,230, it's set to take on the Mercedes GLA and the BMW X2.

Taking the form of a five-door utility vehicle, the Q2 is quite the looker. Thanks to its high shoulder line and low roof that descends and merges into the C-pillars with contrasting colour offset blades, the Q2 boasts a bold and muscular stance. Up front, its high-mounted singleframe octagonal grille, hawk-eye headlights and large air inlets mounted on the front bumper result in a menacing look.

The Q2 incorporates the latest multimedia gadgets from the new A4 and there are three generously equipped specification levels to choose from, with the entry level SE versions benefitting from a suite of features from standard. These include smartphone interface, which supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a seven-inch MMI screen and Bluetooth connectivity.

For an additional £1,500, Sport models gain 17-inch alloy wheels (up from 16-inch on SE), drive select with five operational modes, cruise control, light and rain sensors, and sport seats. Step up to the range-topping S Line, £2,250 above the Sport, and stand-out features include the hallmark front, side and rear styling enhancements, 18-inch alloy wheels, LED headlights, LED interior lighting, and a multi-functional steering wheel. All models can be specced with Audi's virtual cockpit display - an all-digital 12.3-inch display showing information tailored to the driver's needs.

Extensive

To help attract a new generation of buyers, Audi has created an extensive palette of extravagant colours for customers to choose from – 12 to be precise. There's also a huge list of customisation options inside and out, including a two-tone roof and coloured dash inserts and inlays. These little touches have been specifically designed to counter criticism that all Audis come only in dull greys, blacks and bues. All UK cars will also come with colour-coded bumpers.

Let's look at the tech: inside, drivers will be impressed to see the Q2 comes with a wireless phone charger, smartphone connectivity and a Bang & Olufsen stereo system as standard. In short, the Q2 is equipped with technology you'd expect to find further up the range.

Along with the optional virtual cockpit and head-up display, the Q2 can also be specced with assistance systems such as pre-sense safety kit (which includes pedestrian recognition and Autonomous Emergency Braking), adaptive cruise control, traffic jam assist and active lane assist.

The Q2 also fulfils the fundamental expectations of an SUV with benefits such as good visibility and a large boot, which can carry up to 1,050 litres. Optional practical solutions include a power tailgate and a three-way split rear bench backrest with cargo through-loading. It's spot on. Audi has managed to build a spacious and compact SUV that can nip around corners with ease. In fact, it's one of the most powerful models in the segment. It even incorporates a low seating position, similar to an Audi saloon which gives you confidence while on jaunts across winding country roads.

The Q2 is launching with an initial choice of two four-cylinder petrol engines – the 115bhp 1.6-litre TDi and the Cylinder-on-Demand 150bhp 1.4-litre TFSi. A three-cylinder 115bhp 1.0-litre TFSi and a four-cylinder 150bhp 2.0-litre TDi will become available later in the year. The 1.4-litre petrol and 1.6-litre diesel units are expected to top the sales charts.

As an alternative to the six-speed manual gearbox, Audi has said it will offer the seven-speed S tronic dual clutch transmission across the range, bar the 1.0-litre, which is already standard on the 2 0-litre TDi. The brand has also announced that from 2017, a 2.0-litre TFSi petrol unit, allied exclusively to Quattro all-wheel-drive and S tronic, will be introduced to the range. At this point, it will be possible to combine the 150bhp TDI and TFSI engines with Quattro drive.

As standard, the Audi Q2 offers buyers plenty of bang for their buck. You could describe it as a compact A4; not only is it offering premium equipment and driver engagement at a lower cost to its rivals, it's got bags of space and oozes family-friendly practicality from every corner.

It's also more than £4,000 cheaper than the entry-level Mercedes GLA 200 CDi Sport.

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New trim levels for popular Octavia

By James Parker

Škoda is adding two new trim levels to its best-selling Octavia range – SE Sport and SE Technology.

Both new models offer significant equipment boosts over the standard SE models and have been created to satisfy buyer demands for the latest in-car technology and sporty design.

Priced from £19,990 on-the-road, the Octavia SE Sport is available in hatch and estate form and is offered with two engine options: 1.4 TSI 150PS and 1.6 TDI 110PS, with the option of a DSG gearbox on both.

As part of the standard specification, SE Sport models stand out from the crowd thanks to 17-inch Denom alloy wheels, bi-xenon headlights, LED Daytime running lights with automatic activation and LED rear lights. Inside, SE Sport models feature sport seats, a Super Sport Multi-Function Steering Wheel and an automatic dimming rear view mirror, while standard technology includes Amundsen satellite navigation system with Wi-Fi and cruise control.

Despite its raft of additional equipment offered on the SE Sport, it costs just £950 more than the standard SE. That means buyers choosing the SE Sport over the SE benefit from over £3,150 of customer value over the cost of individual options.

Expanded

Joining the SE Sport in the expanded Octavia line-up is a new SE Technology model. It can be specified in hatch or estate forms, and is available with four TDI diesel options with power outputs ranging from 110PS to 150PS. The 1.6 TDI 110PS engine can be specified with a DSG automatic, customers can also choose the frugal GreenLine III engine that offers exceptional economy of up to 80.7mpg on the combined cycle and CO2 emissions of 90g/km.

Like the SE Sport model, the SE Technology comes with a specification list that's bursting at the seams with equipment.

Among the technology features included over the standard SE are an Amundsen satellite navigation system with Wi-Fi, a four-spoke Multifunction steering wheel, adaptive cruise control (standard cruise control on GreenLine III models) and front and rear parking sensors.

The equipment list also features a Chrome pack and double-sided boot floor covering along with light and rain sensors.

The SE Technology replaces the current SE Business model and enjoys a specification that delivers significant value to company car drivers. Despite its increased specification – with options that would normally cost £1,830 on the standard SE – the SE Technology commands a premium of £275 over the outgoing model. This gives a customer saving of £1,155.

For company car drivers choosing the 1.6 TDI 110PS model, the benefits in terms of BiK payments are also significant.

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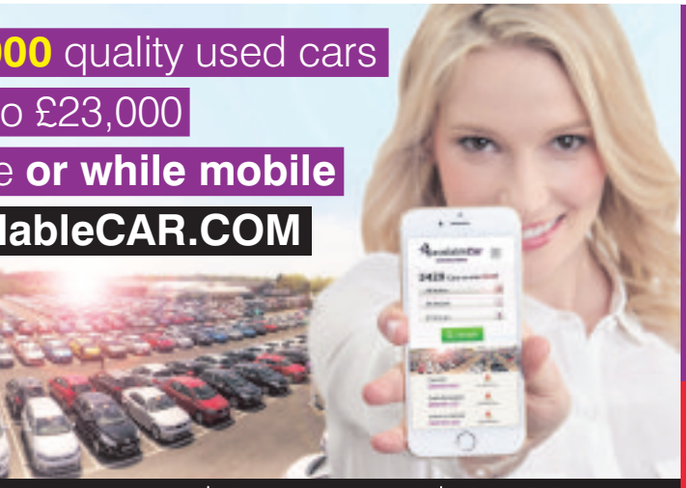

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Suzuki's super scooter

By John Griffiths

Suzuki's big bad Burgman is the executive express of the scooter world: sharply styled, practical, comfortable and surprisingly quick.

Its size and sleek, aerodynamic looks will certainly get you noticed on the road, whether it's the commuter run or touring the highways and byways of Britain because this flagship, 650cc machine is competent in both roles.

It is luxurious, with excellent wind and weather protection and features such as heated seats and hand grips.

You can rely on the electronically controlled CVT automatic transmission to waft you smoothly through traffic, or at the touch of a button change ratios manually if you want a sportier experience on the open road.

There's also a power button which remaps the transmission, allowing the Burgman to hit higher revs before it changes up, for example when a quick overtake is required.

The 54bhp four stroke engine is sewing-machine smooth, accelerating rapidly to 70mph when required and, were it legal, up to an estimated 100mph.

Internal upgrades to the engine and transmission mean it is more economical too, saving up to 15 per cent on your fuel bills. Expect around 50mpg.

The Burgman's surfeit of power instills confidence in the bike in traffic, as well as relaxed cruising,

It is very quiet, and the rider is protected form the slipstream at speed by the front fairing and the tall windscreem – you can electrically adjust its height on the move thanks to a button near the right grip.

The protection is so good that 20 miles in to the test ride in a breezy North Wales I realised I was actually too warm in my conventional motorcycle clothing.

The design tweaks incorporated into the latest Burgman give it almost futuristic looks and there's a practical side, too. The footboards, for example, have been revamped to make it easier for the rider to put a foot down as you roll to a stop – an important feature on what is by any standards a large machine.

The two well-placed mirrors fold rapidly inwards (and back again) at the touch of a switch, which will doubtless be useful when filtering through city traffic (and save on potentially costly repairs.

The seat height is already commendably low at 750mm, with the pillion passenger's seat set higher so they don't spend the journey staring at the back of the rider's helmet, Both are generously sized, and have individual heaters and short but well-bolstered backrests which are also adjustable.

The wheels have more in common with a conventional bike than a typical scooter.: a 15-inch rim with 120/70 rubber at the front and a 14-inch wheel with160/60 tyre at the back. This gives the Burgman a more bike-like feel, with added straight line stability, agility and the ability to accommodate some enthusiastic cornering, allowing greater lean angles without scraping the bodywork.

Brakes too are geared to a bigger, faster machine with twin discs in front and a single disc at the rear (plus ABS) which are both operated by hand levers. There's a handbrake, too, for when you park.

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Under the seat there is a big (by bike standards) 50 litres of luggage space – plenty to take two helmets – and there are also threecompartments below the handlebars for your odds and ends. One has a 12-volt power socket, handy for charging your phone or perhaps powering a satnav,

In the centre of the bars is a instrument display with analogue speedo and rev counter, flanking an LED display with comprehensive trip metre plus transmission indicator, telling you which gear you're in if you select manual mode.

The Burgman also comes in 125 and 400cc versions, at prices ranging from £3,571 to £9,136 for the flagship 650 Executive tested here.

That isn't cheap by anyone's standards, but it is competitive against rivals in this small but elite sector of the scooter market.

It is a machine which combines the performance and agility of a middleweight motorcycle with the comfort and weather protection of a scooter. There aren't too many of those around.

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Capability of an SUV but with GT spirit

By James Parker

The Peugeot 3008 SUV GT is a truly modern expression of driving pleasure, aimed at individuals who are looking for a new driving experience.

The GT crowns the brand's SUV range and is exclusively equipped with the 2.0-litre BlueHDi 180 S&S (Stop&Start) EAT6 (Efficient Automatic Transmission with 6-speed transmission) providing a high level of performance.

To complement the GT, a 'GT Line' trim-level is offered on alternative engine versions, with a 'sporty' and 'top-of-the-range' appearance. The 3008 SUV, GT Line and GT versions, are a key part of the brand's move up-market and will be available to order from November 2016, with UK deliveries commencing from January 2017.

Both GT Line and GT trim levels can be specified with the distinctive 'Coupe Franche' paint option – a characteristic Peugeot visual signature.

It has a well-equipped and progressive two-model UK range. Consistent with the brand's strategy of moving up-market, it now has:

- Two mainstream trim-levels with high standard specification in Active and Allure models
- 'GT Line' – the best of all worlds, with outstanding engine efficiency and sports styling
- 'GT' – the ultimate sports Peugeot 3008 SUV with great all-round capabilities

The GT model is positioned as the top-of-the-range 3008 SUV model, with its exclusive and resolutely dynamic proposition, while at the same time being perfectly usable on a day-to-day basis. Aimed at driving enthusiasts craving sophistication, the Peugeot 3008 SUV GT offers to combine all the qualities of the range's new SUV with an assertive style, an impressive interior that includes the innovative new Peugeot i-Cockpit®, with configurable 12.3" digital instrument panel.

As part of the brand's move upmarket, the Peugeot range continues to comprise of well specified vehicles. The new sports variants of the 3008 SUV is no exception with GT Line versions including numerous standard features and safety equipment items:

- A choice of BlueHDi diesel, multi award-winning PureTech and e-THP petrol engines
- Full LED headlamps including sequential scrolling LED front indicators
- Smartphone charging plate
- 3D satellite navigation including three year subscription to TomTom® Live updates
- Safety Plus Pack comprises the 'Active Blind Spot Detection' (ABSD), 'Lane Keeping Assistance' (LKA), advanced 'Driver Attention Alert' system (DAA3) and Peugeot 'Smartbeam Assistance'.

In addition to GT Line models, the GT version of the 3008 SUV features the following equipment as standard to make every journey a delightful experience:

- A highly-efficient engine: the 2.0-litre BlueHDi 180 S&S, mated to the EAT6 (Efficient Automatic Transmission six-speed) gearbox – the most powerful version in the range, providing a more intense driving experience
- A more sporty appearance, with integrated wheel arch protective extensions combined with 19" 'Boston' matt Haria two-tone finish diamond-cut alloy wheels
- Sumptuous seating, trimmed in full grain Nappa Mistral leather with Aikinite copper double-stitch trim detail, driver seat multipoint massage function, electric adjustment and memory
- Panoramic opening glass roof with electric interior blind and blue ambient lighting
- ACC Stop (Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop function)
- Smart electric tailgate (includes foot movement operation) with Peugeot Open and Go system or 'GT' badging on the tailgate, double chrome exhaust pipes are located either side of the bumper. These stylistic elements are perfectly integrated, giving an air of chic and elegant sportiness.

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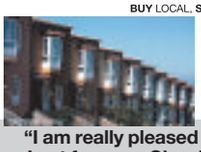

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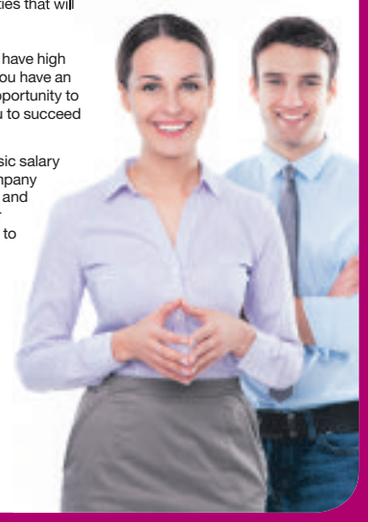

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Now Cannock's Steven Brown believes he is coaching youngsters who will one day star for the imperious All Blacks after starting a new life in New Zealand.

Rugby fanatic Brown – together with his wife of 33-years Julie – are well-known locally for the role they played in establishing the junior game in Cannock.

Back in 1983 Brown launched an under-14s side at Cannock RFU in a bid to show local youngsters they weren't just restricted to playing football.

In the years that followed, under-12s, under-10s and an under-19 colts team were quickly established with Brown then moving on to coach the Cannock first team.

A similar stint at Worcester Warriors followed with the coach helping train youngsters aged from eight to 13.

Culture

In 2012, having also built up a successful IT business in his professional life, Brown decided to move to the other side of the world to support Julie's dream of living in a different culture. But his love for junior rugby was never going to diminish with the coach now taking the reigns of junior teams at Tamaki College in Auckland.

In a country where rugby is the national support, Brown has continued to thrive and was recently visited by, and held a training session with, six All Blacks after his Tamaki College under-14s side won a competition to find the best newly-founded young team in New Zealand.

And the coach admits meeting Malakai Fekitoa, Owen Franks, Brodie Retallick, Julian Savea, Codie Taylor and Ofa Tu'ungafasi was an experience he and his pupils will never forget.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

"Having coached rugby around the world this will remain as one of my greatest moments."

"Meeting the All Blacks was, of course, a great moment for me but I was just so proud of the boys because they were a credit to their families and to Tamaki College," Brown said. "The All Blacks gave us some great tips and provided a day that these youngsters and myself will never forget.

"Having coached rugby around the world this will remain as one of my greatest moments.

"Tamaki College is not known for being a rugby school, but it currently has an excellent first XV, under-15s and now an under-14s team. I know that I am coaching future All Blacks."

Brown's love for rugby began as a youngster when he watched his brother Bill star for the likes of Lichfield, Staffordshire and London Irish.

A tough tackling prop, he himself played for Lichfield as well as Staffordshire, Stafford and Walsall. But it was after hanging up his boots that he and his wife began looking to encourage more youngsters to take up the sport. "To start the Cannock RUFC junior teams I had to prove to the local youngsters from the wider Cannock area that there was another sport other than football," he said.

"Cannock RUFC Juniors with an under-14 team then won the Staffordshire Championship in their first season.

"The following season we started the under-12s and the following season the under-10s.

"The mini junior section was established and to continue our feeder policy we organised a Chase Schools Cup. We then went on to take over the under-19s colts for Cannock.

"Cannock junior teams then went on to beat the best Midlands teams such as Moseley, Walsall, Bromsgrove, Stafford and Lichfield."

Fortunate

After achieving so much success in junior rugby, Brown revealed the pair opted to move the other side of the world to fulfil Julie's dream of living in New Zealand.

"We were fortunate that I had done everything I had wanted to do in business," he said.

"Julie had always wanted to live in New Zealand and she had supported me throughout life and it was my turn to support her."

Now with expert knowledge of rugby on both sides of the hemisphere, Brown believes that mix is helping the pupils he is currently teaching.

"I have learned so much from being in New Zealand.

"The boys here are so dedicated and fit and I have still not worn any of them down in training.

"You tell them to jump and they say how high. If they believe in you they will run through fire."

Brown was instrumental in founding youth rugby in Cannock

Brown puts aspiring players through their paces in Cannock

Tai makes a fairytale return to Wolves side

WORLD champion Tai Woffinden enjoyed a fairytale return to the Wolves side to lead them to a vital 51-41 win over play-off rivals Lakeside at Monmore Green.

A bumper crowd turned out on Monday night to witness Woffinden's return to British speedway – and he put in a battling display to help them climb back into the Elite League top four.

The golden boy was in the thick of the action throughout, seeing them over the line with wins in the final two races.

There was a frightening moment in the closing stages of heat 11 as Peter Karlsson brought down Richard Lawson whilst fighting for third on the final bend.

Lawson's machine was sent flying across the centre green, narrowly avoiding a number of officials allowing everyone to miraculously walk away unscathed. Karlsson's exclusion nonetheless handed the visitors a lifeline as they pulled back within eight points entering the interval.

They were faced with a nervy finale when Lakeside sprung from the start to strike a huge 5-1 in heat 12 – but Wolves held their nerve to get over the line and ensure the Hammers went back to Essex empty-handed.

Wolves head to King's Lynn tonight (Thursday) before hosting the Stars and Swindon in a mouth-watering double header at Monmore Green next Monday.

Wolves: Tai Woffinden 13, Jacob Thorssell 9+1, Max Clegg 8+2, Sam Masters 6, Kyle Howarth 5+1, Freddie Lindgren 5+1, Peter Karlsson 5+1.

Lakeside: Andreas Jonsson 12, Kim Nilsson 8+1, Richard Lawson 8, Robert Mear 6+1, Edward Kennett 5, Lewis Kerr 2+1, Lewis Bridger R/R.

Broken ankle no excuse says Young

Alison Young in action during the Olympics

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Alison Young broke her ankle on the eve of the Olympic Games, but refused to use it as an excuse as the adventure came to an end.

Young finished strongly at Rio 2016 with victory in Tuesday's medal race, her second successive win.

However, these wins weren't enough to trouble the podium and she finished eighth overall. Marit Bouwmeester of the Netherlands claimed gold. Young had high hopes heading into the competition after winning the Laser Radial World Championships earlier this year.

But the 29-year-old was lucky to even make the first race after suffering the injury in the build-up to the Games, even if she was keen to highlight that her performances hadn't been good enough regardless of her health and fitness.

"No-one competes at the Games without a bit of adversity and eight weeks out I broke my ankle so I had a lot on," Young said. "Four weeks out I couldn't turn, I couldn't walk, but it has been a fantastic effort to get me in good shape.

"It altered my preparation but it hasn't altered my performance here and it is doubly disappointing to perform so poorly at this regatta as I haven't been able to reflect the efforts of all the guys who got me to the start line.

"To be honest there are no excuses, I have just failed to perform under pressure. And that is very disappointing ."

Sixy soccer as Sporting keep up their early form

WOLVES Sporting continued their superb early form with a comprehensive 6-0 victory over last season's runners-up AFC Bridgnorth

Captain Angelo Franco opened the scoring before a second hat-trick in a week from Dan Westwood and first goals for the club from new signings Rion Francis-Mills and Demetri Dunkley.

Bilston Town were edged out in a seven-goal thriller against Shifnal Town.

A promising start from Bilston was rewarded after 10 minutes when Kieron Clarke put them ahead. Shifnal levelled but Clarke again restored the home side's lead before half-time.

The second half saw Shifnal go 3-2 up within a 10-minute spell.

Keighnan Royals jinked past two defenders, only to be felled by a third, the referee awarding a penalty and sending off the Shifnal man.

Despite a lengthy delay, Dan Elwell kept his calm to strike home.

That lead lasted barely five minutes, as Tom Hill, unmarked in the Bilston area, volleyed home his third and a fourth for Shifnal.

Willenhall Town paid the price for missed chances as Ellesmere Rangers ran out 4-2 winners.

The Lockmen had led when Chad Birch picked out Curtis Ellis and his cross was fired into the corner of the net.

After falling 2-1 behind, Mark Habbershaw fired a 76th-minute free-kick around the wall and into the corner of the net to level.

However, Josh Brown's cross was bundled home and then Ryan Jones fired in the winner.

Night with Calzaghe will pack a punch

BOXING star Joe Calzaghe will re-engage with Wolverhampton's fight fans personally for the first time in seven years next month.

The Welshman will be the feature attraction of 'An Evening With' show in the city on Friday September 16.

His after-dinner speaking engagement will come at the Grand Station, on Sun Street, in an offering promoted by Showfighter.

Calzaghe boxed at the Civic early on in his professional career, taking two rounds to dispose of Trevor Ambrose in November 1994.

Joe Calzaghe

His last appearance came at a packed Wolverhampton Civic Hall in June 2009, five months after he retired, supported by the late Henry Cooper.

It will be a family affair as Calzaghe's father Enzo – his coach during his fighting days – and uncle Sergio will join him.

Before becoming a boxing trainer, Italian-born Enzo was a bass guitarist and the 67-year-old will play a set alongside Sergio. Calzaghe, 44, hung up his gloves undefeated after 46 bouts, still reigning as a world super middleweight champion. He won 32 inside the distance.

Tickets are on sale, with most including a three-course meal. 'Silver' passes are £50, with seating to the rear of the room. 'Gold' is £75, with central seating.

The VIP option is £95, with premium seating, a private meet and greet and a photograph with Calzaghe and his family in the venue's Brunel Suite. There's also a VVIP alternative, sold in tables of 10 and priced at £1,500, including all of the above and a free bar. Entry only tickets, after the meal, can be purchased for £25.

Pure Gym members can get tickets at a discounted rate. Fundraising will benefit the 'Leon's First Steps' charity in aid of a yong boy from Codsall. Call 01902 213 155 or go to www.showfighter.co.uk/events.

Wolf pack hunting for new recruits

Wolverhampton Ladies are looking to encourage new players to join up

WOLVERHAMPTON Ladies are hoping the success of the Olympic rugby sevens will convert a new generation into rugby players.

The Great Britain teams impressed in Rio with the men picking up a silver medal after losing to Fuji in the final while the women just missed out in their bronze medal clash with Canada.

And now Wolverhampton are offering girls and ladies the chance to give the sport a try at their Castlecroft Road base.

Player and recruitment officer Emma Baker is behind the drive to unearth new players as the ambitious outfit make plans for what they hope will be a bright future.

"We had quite a bit of interest after the women's world cup a couple of years ago and the rugby sevens at the Olympics has also sparked interest.

"Sevens is a very fast and exciting game to watch and we are hoping that while it's fresh in people's minds they might be tempted to come and have a go at playing."

Wolverhampton Ladies are a developing side who are making impressive progress on the field.

Anyone interested in joining Wolverhampton Ladies should contact Emma on 07841 994059.

Woffinden to take a year out from GB

WORLD speedway champion Tai Woffinden has confirmed he will be taking a year out of the World Cup in 2017 – but he hasn't retired from the Great Britain side.

And he's keen to emphasise he has no intention of making a bid to switch nationalities to Australia, the country where he spent his childhood.

He admits there have been issues behind the scenes which have contributed to his decision but doesn't want to discuss them in public.

Woffinden said: "I've made a decision to sit out the 2017 World Cup but I remain proud to represent Great Britain in the Grand Prix. We'll see where we are at in 2018, who knows I may be back for that. I've enjoyed representing Great Britain."

Wulfs suffer a thrashing after poor first half

Shepshed Dynamo 5 AFC Wulfs 1

AFC Wulfrunians crashed to a 5-1 defeat away at Shepshed Dynamo in the Midlands Premier.

The hosts opened the scoring in the 24th minute as Michael Reeve fired home.

The lead was doubled four minutes later when Liam Read beat keeper Josh Moreton to Levi Porter's ball and nicked it past him before walking it into the net.

It was 3-0 just after the half-hour mark as Niall Prendeville bundled home and the game was effectively over in the final minute of the first half as Louis Guest made it 4-0.

Wulfs pulled a goal back in the 71st minute as Demetri Brown netted. Ten minutes from the end Reeve made it five and there was still time for Matt Langham to fire a penalty against the bar.

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Rugby coach converts to new life with future All Blacks prospects

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Potential is 'exciting' for Fosun's Guo

FOSUN'S multi-billionaire boss Guo Guangchang is 'massively excited' at Wolves' potential, new managing director Laurie Dalrymple believes.

Dalrymple showed Guangchang and super-agent Jorge Mendes around Molineux and Compton Park before taking in Wolves' game at Rotherham earlier this month.

And the MD said of the Fosun chairman: "He was massively excited and hugely impressed.

"For them (Guangchang and Mendes) the facilities we have here are comparable with some Champions League clubs.

"This is me speculating but I think we may see more of Chairman Guo than we potentially first predicted.

Intent

"Bearing in mind he was here within a fortnight of the takeover being confirmed, the speed with which he got here symbolises his intent to have an involvement in the ownership of the club.

"He had a really enjoyable day, utterly bought into the Wolves crest, the club, the culture, the people.

"I just think they're genuinely excited. And the fans should be enthused about what the future holds, I really believe that.

"We may end up seeing more of Jeff Shi (who has now returned to Shanghai) as the club develops in the trajectory that we want it to.

"He's gone back comfortable with the management team he's now got in place. The pace at which we've moved in the past few weeks has been unbelievable.

"Sky Sun is still here and very much active in the transfer period of time, and he's got expertise in that field working closely with Kevin, the scouting team and some of the close contacts that are working with us on a regular basis."

Trust us to get it right, says new MD

Laurie Dalrymple

WOLVES' new managing director Laurie Dalrymple has offered a tantalising glimpse into the 'most pivotal and exciting era' in the club's modern history – and asks of fans: "Trust us."

Dalrymple is now in charge of Wolves' off-the-field matters after he and sporting director Kevin Thelwell took over from ex-chief executive Jez Moxey, whose role was split in two.

They will work closely with new owners Fosun on growing every aspect of the club.

Football

And Dalrymple said he was 'enormously excited' at the prospect of trying to turn Wolves into a globally-renowned force.

"I think this is the most pivotal and exciting era in the club's modern history," he said. "To be at the forefront of that, I don't know anyone who wouldn't be thrilled at that prospect.

"To the fans I'd say, trust us.

"It's going to be a tough road ahead, the fans know that better than anyone. It's really exciting. But go with us – and enjoy it. We're on a journey, it's going to take a bit of time and we all want to be out of the Championship as fast as possible.

"We want to have one of the biggest clubs and fanbases from a global perspective that we possibly can."

Dalrymple welcomed Fosun chairman Guo Guangchang to Molineux earlier this month, along with super-agent Jorge Mendes, in a clear sign that Wolves' owners are taking their new project very seriously.

Williams is lacing up for latest fight

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Kyle Williams remains confident he can transfer the glories from his former calling into the boxing ring.

The one-time kickboxer laces up the gloves for his third pro bout at Walsall Football Club on Friday September 2. Boxing legend Ricky Hatton will be among those at the Banks's Stadium, coaching and co-promoting a bill titled 'On the Rise,' in conjunction with Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing.

Williams went to the top table in kickboxing, winning the ICU world featherweight title. He's dropped down to bantam since switching sports.

He continues to work by day as an instructor at Fran Zuccala's Eclipse Kickboxing & Gracie Jiu Jitsu Academy in Wolverhampton city centre.

The second dan black belt teaches children, teenagers and adults at the same venue where he first learned his own skills since the age of six.

The 24-year-old said: "I want to win a British title, at the minimum, and the maximum would, of course, to become a world champion. It's not impossible."

Williams has already outpointed Anwar Alfadli and Ian Halsall since first punching for pay, both for the loss of just a share of a round in 40-37 decisions.

Now Robbie Forster, 'the Bull Terrier' from Wales, will be in the other corner to present his next test through the ropes.

Headlining will be Halesowen's Lennox Clarke, the big-punching super middleweight.

The undefeated 25-year-old is now looking to extend his record to 13 wins, having already registered five TKOs, without reply.

Hatton will lead heavyweight Nathan Gorman and super welterweight Reuben Arrowsmith into battle, as part of the supporting cast.

ZENGA BOYS ARE FAN-TASTIC

Birmingham City 1 Wolves 3

AS the great Jock Stein famously said: "Football is nothing without fans."

Anyone who doubts that statement should watch a replay of Birmingham v Wolves, Saturday, August 20, 2016 writes Tim Spiers.

After a fair-to-middling first half in which Wolves created plenty but finished nothing – and found themselves trailing – something special happened.

Despite the scoreline, a large group of Wolves fans started to applaud loudly as the players trudged towards the tunnel in front of them. Then a chant of 'come of Wanderers' reverberated around the away end.

Walter Zenga's half-time team talk reinforced the fans' belief and Wolves, the faith in them from their boss and their supporters unequivocal, played with both heart and quality in a marvellous second-half display, with Joe Mason, Danny Batth and Jon Dadi Bodvarsson all on target.

Knees

And the travelling faithful were duly rewarded with what can legitimately be described as spine-tingling scenes at full-time, Icelandic clap and all. Zenga even got on his knees to bow down to them.

Zenga's Molineux predecessor Kenny Jackett spoke often of the need for that crucial team/fan bond to be strong. The players feed off the fans, and vice versa, he reiterated.

Jackett couldn't manage it – and apathy reigned. But Zenga, backed by new owners and new signings, and armed with passion, desire, charisma and that Italian fire in his belly, has managed it in just three weeks.

On July 30, when the Italian was the shock choice to replace Jackett, who honestly envisaged an unbeaten and rabble-rousing start like this?

The trick now is to keep it going.

There will of course be pitfalls along the way. But how nice, after the apathetic end to last year, to be talking about Wolves travelling to Huddersfield on Saturday knowing victory could put them top of the league. With momentum – and the fans – behind them, the sky is the limit.

Wolves boss Walter Zenga bows to the Wolves faithful after their rousing comeback

Sessions to get hockey players back into swing

HOCKEY players can get back in the swing of it at special sessions starting at WV Active Aldersley next month.

Wolverhampton & Tettenhall Hockey Club and Great Britain Hockey is holding Back to Hockey sessions for beginners and former players starting on September 12, from 7-8pm.

Councillor Steve Evans, the City of Wolverhampton Council's cabinet member for city environment, said: "I am pleased that we are working with Wolverhampton and Tettenhall Hockey Club and Great Britain Hockey to offer these sessions to people who either haven't played the game for a long time, or who have never picked up a hockey stick before."

Before that, WV Active Aldersley hosts Wolverhampton and Tettenhall Hockey Club's Hockey Fest – a family friendly day of activities for people of all ages on September 3. For more details about the Back to Hockey sessions or Hockey Fest, call Tim Lorimer on 07971 899084.

For details of Wolverhampton & Tettenhall Hockey Club log on to www.wolverhamptonhockeyclub.org.uk

Magnificent seven as two more join

WOLVES have made it a magnificent seven signings in a month after swooping for loan stars from Manchester United and Benfica.

Left-back Cameron Borthwick-Jackson and left-winger Ola John were both in line to make their debuts against Cambridge United in Tuesday night's EFL Cup clash at Molineux. Teenager Borthwick-Jackson enjoyed a breakthrough at Old Trafford last season, making 10 league appearances, while Benfica winger and Dutch international John impressed on loan at Championship rivals Reading.

John, aged 24, said: "It's an easy decision for me.

"The new owners have a big plan and I want to be part of that plan."

Borthwick-Jackson is keen to make his mark in the Championship to improve his prospects at Old Trafford.

Morocco international, 6ft 3ins 26-year-old central defender Romain Saiss could be the next to join, from Ligue 1 side Angers.

Alex goal proves to be winner, for sure

Wednesfield 2 Darlaston Town 1874 1

A YOUNG Wednesfield side made it two league wins in five days with a narrow 2-1 win over Darlaston.

The hosts got off to a good start with Kyle Wainwright scoring in the 10th minute after some good play between Harrison Barratt and Mark Morgan.

Darlo equalised just before half-time when Sam Melia beat Wednesfield keeper Ben Holden to a diagonal cross on the edge of the area to roll the ball into the empty net.

Wednesfield regained the lead in the 56th minute with Alex Forshaw side-footing in a Ryan Mason free-kick.

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